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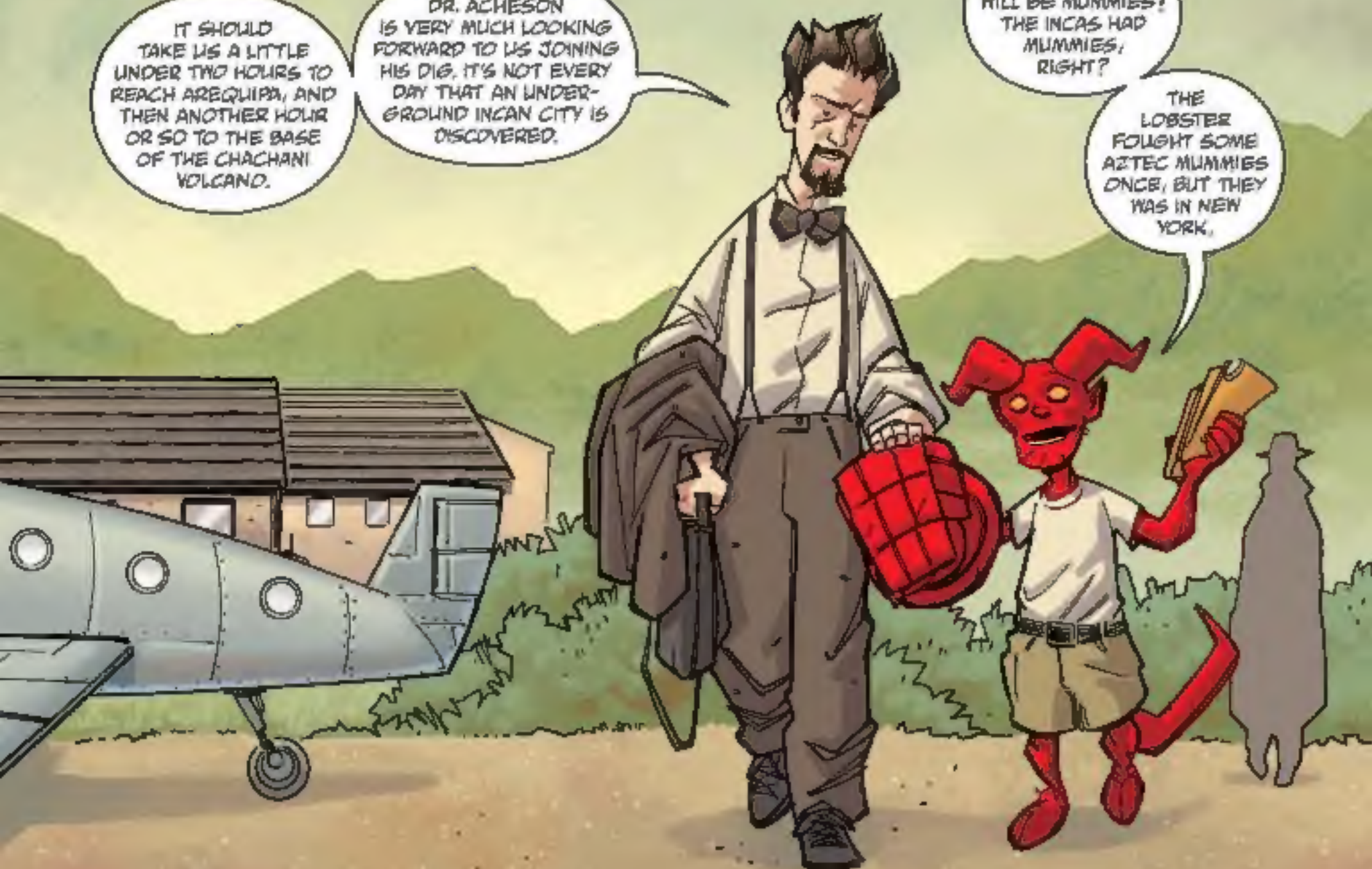
MAY, 1947. AN AIRFIELD IN SOUTH AMERICA.

IT SHOULD TAKE US A LITTLE UNDER TWO HOURS TO REACH AREQUIPA, AND THEN ANOTHER HOUR OR SO TO THE BASE OF THE CHACHANI VOLCANO.

DR. ACHESON IS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO US JOINING HIS DIG. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT AN UNDERGROUND INCA CITY IS DISCOVERED.

NEAT! MAYBE THERE WILL BE MUMMIES! THE INCAS HAD MUMMIES, RIGHT?

THE LOBSTER FOUGHT SOME AZTEC MUMMIES ONCE, BUT THEY WAS IN NEW YORK.



THERE WAS A PART WHERE HE SHOT ONE IN THE FACE WITH A GATLING GUN AND IT STILL KEPT ON COMIN'!

BUT THE LOBSTER, HE WASN'T SCARED. HE JUST LIT 'EM ON FIRE!

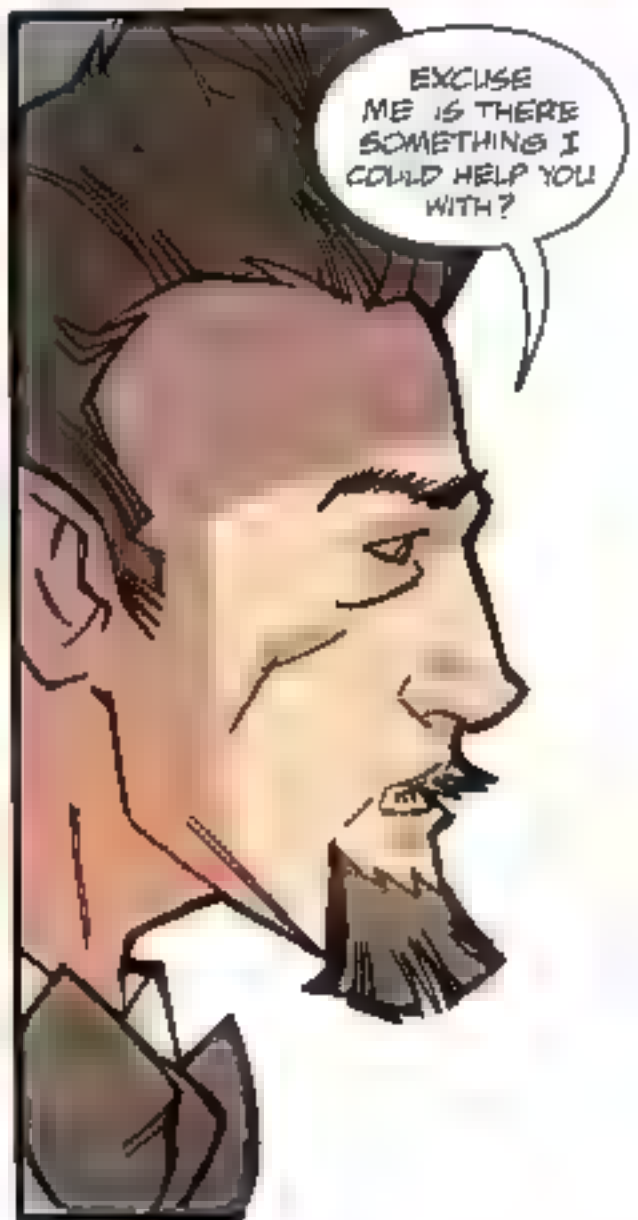
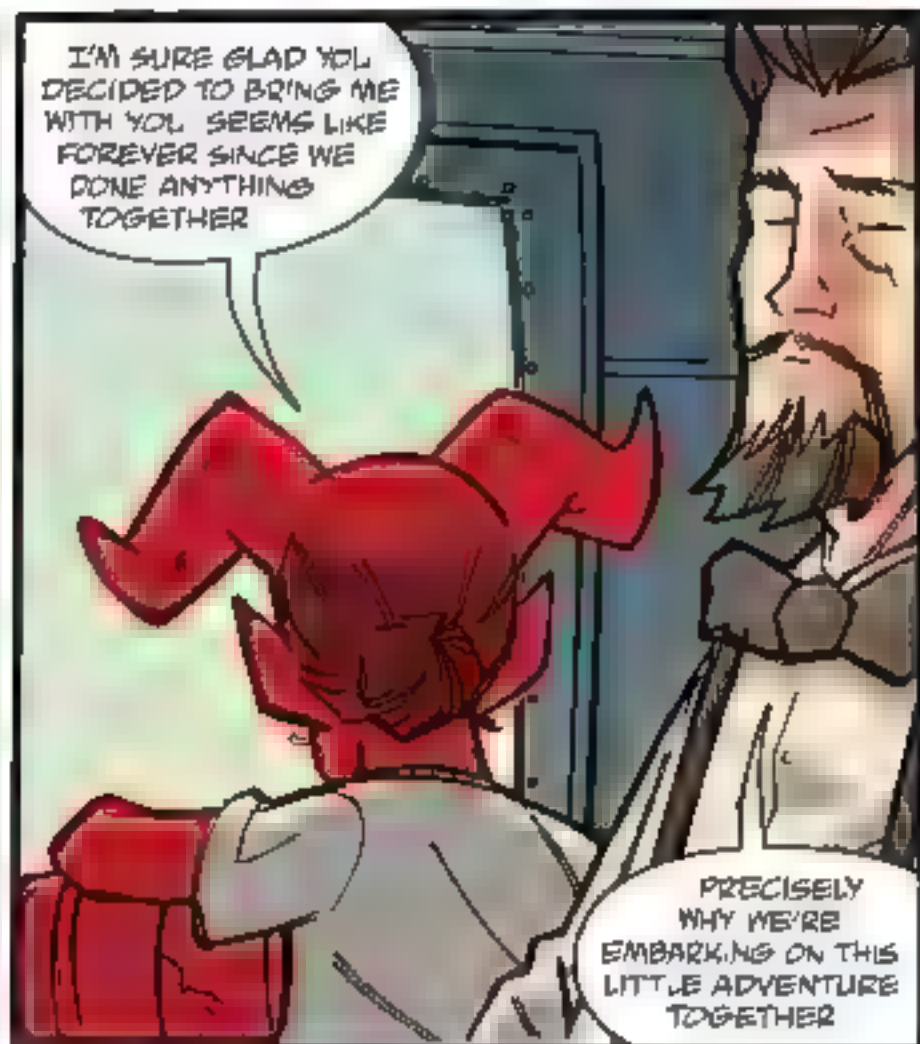


MAY THE BLESSED MOTHER GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE.

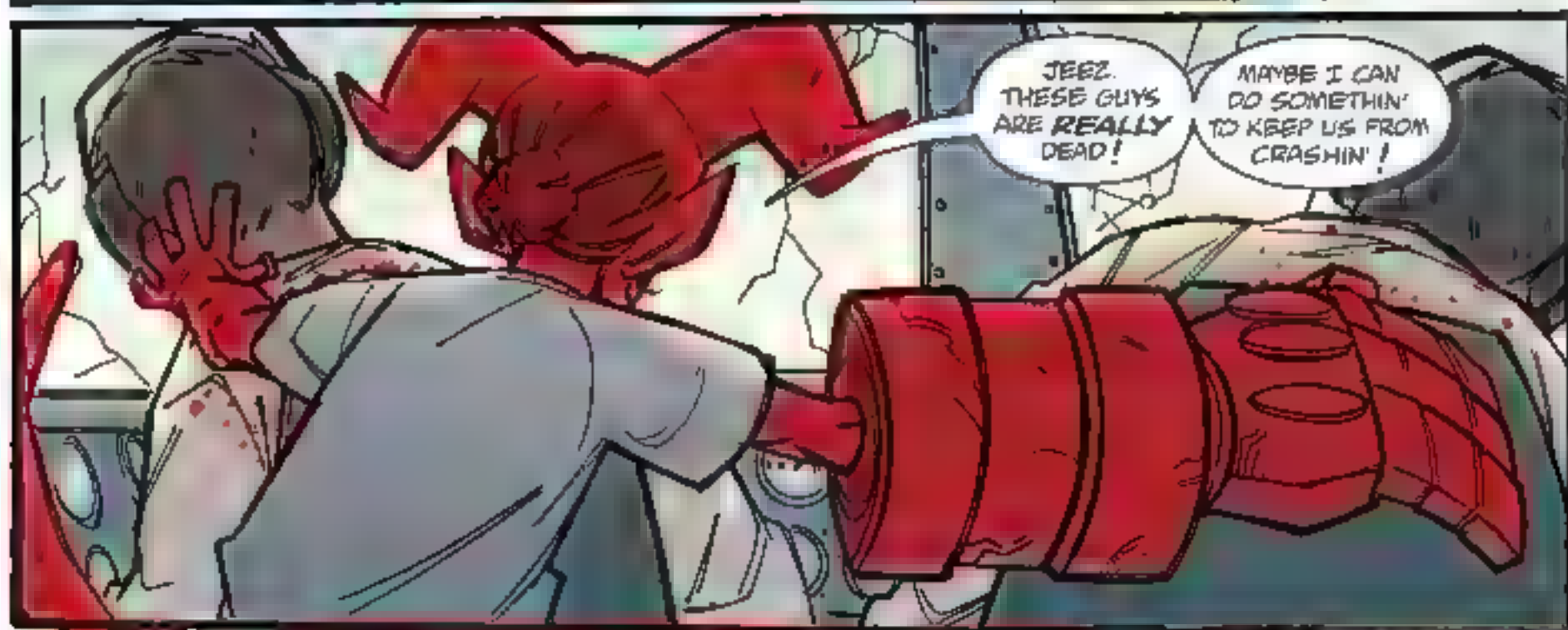
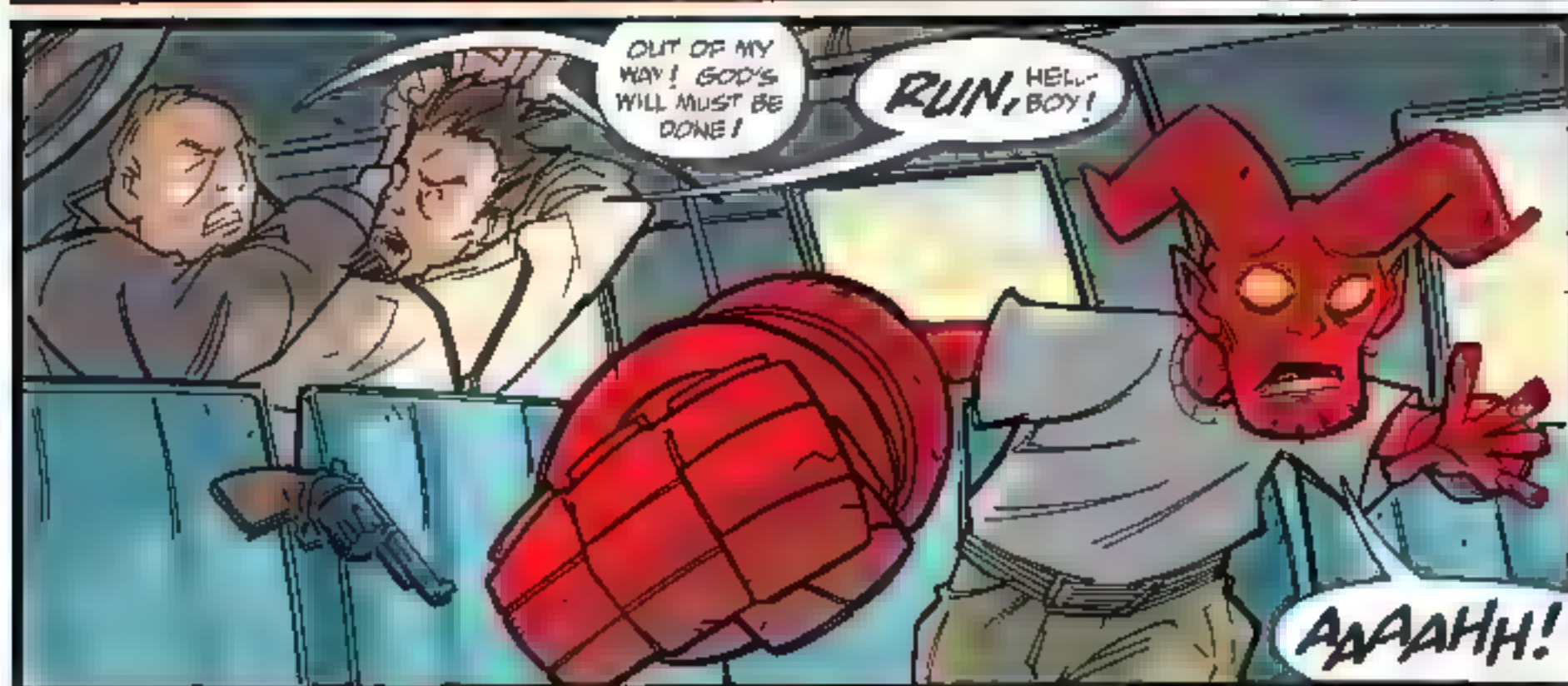
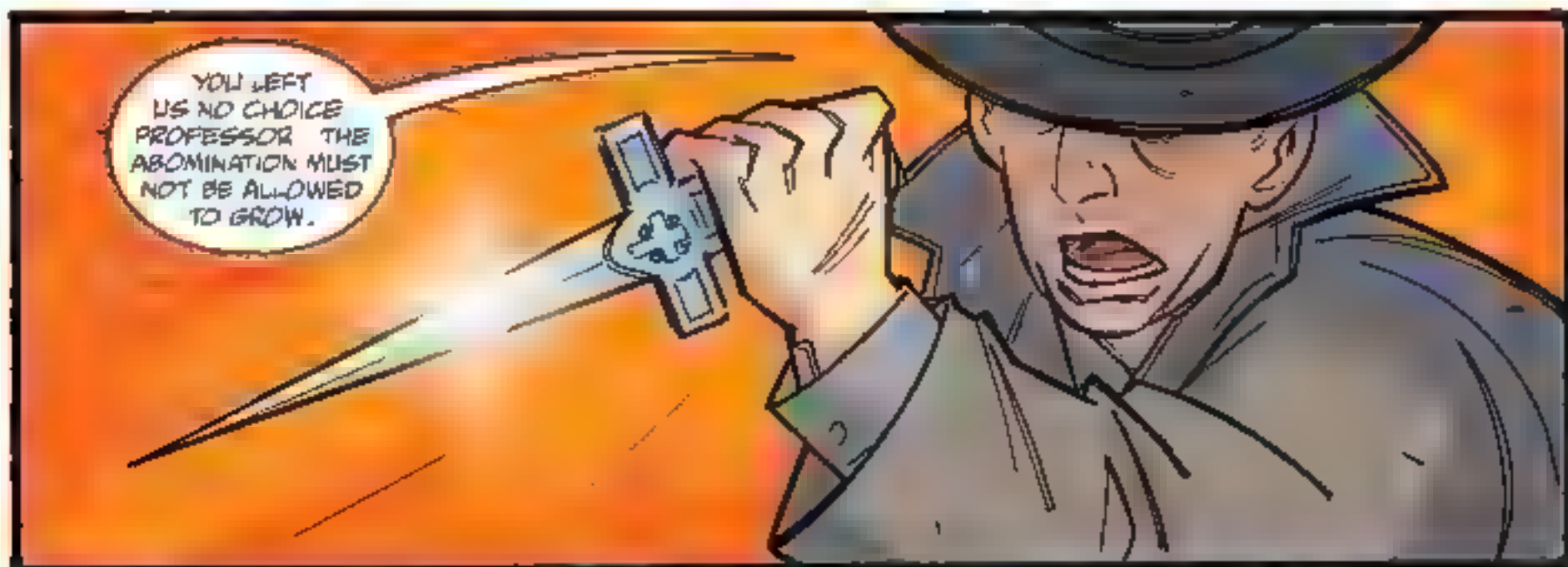
HAVE YOU EVER LIT A MUMMY ON FIRE, PROFESSOR? WONDER WHAT THAT SMELLS LIKE. PROBABLY STINKS.

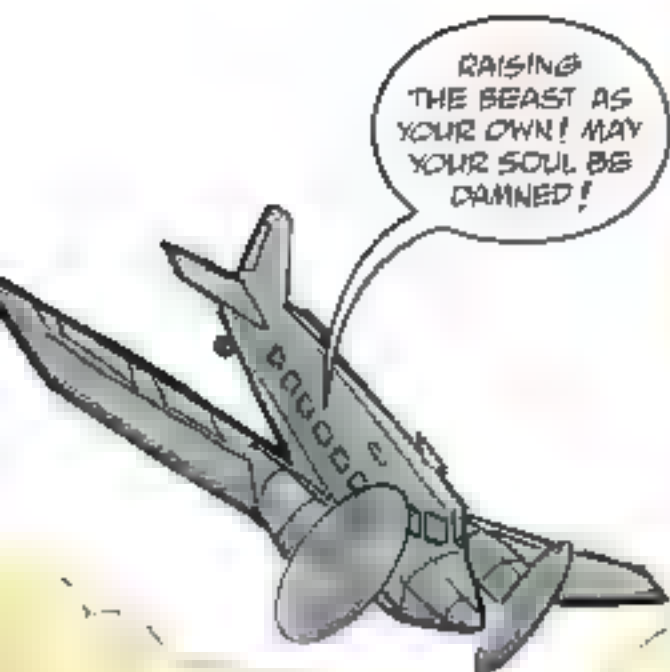








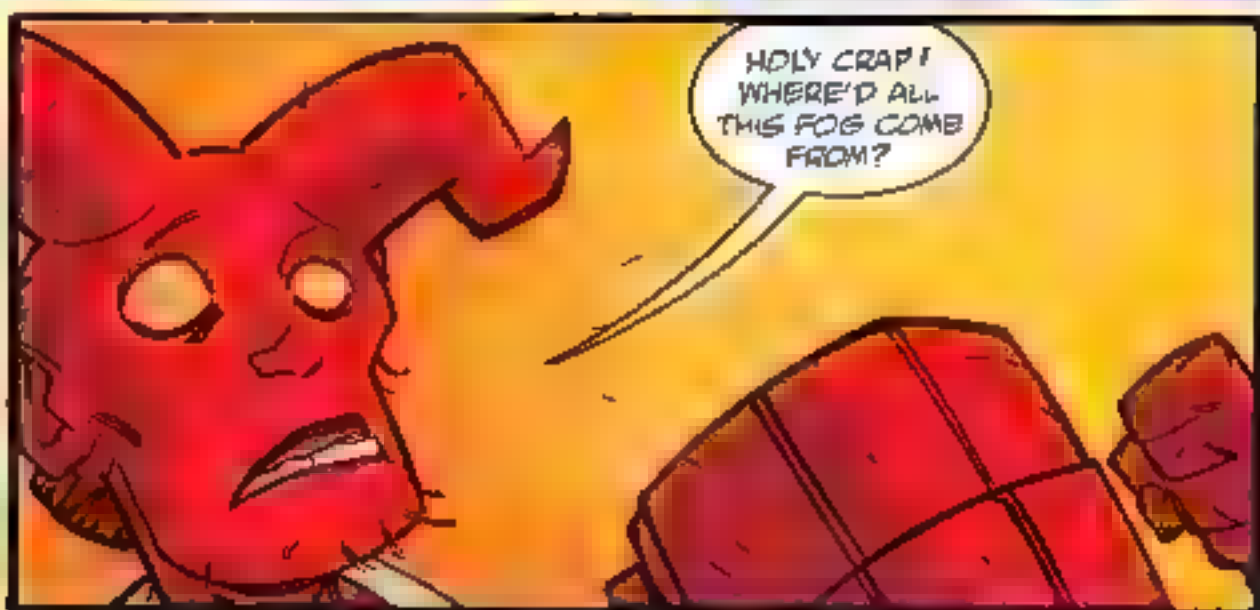




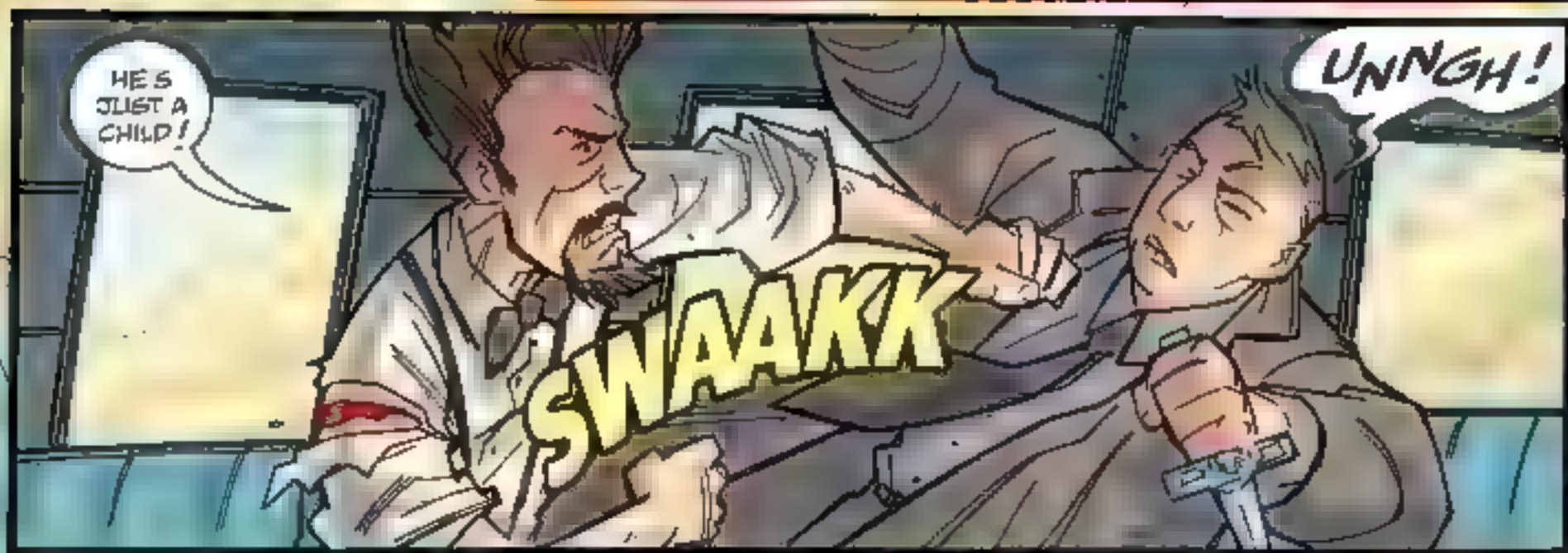
RAISING
THE BEAST AS
YOUR OWN! MAY
YOUR SOUL BE
DAMNED!



GAAAH!



HOLY CRAP!
WHERE'D ALL
THIS FOG COME
FROM?



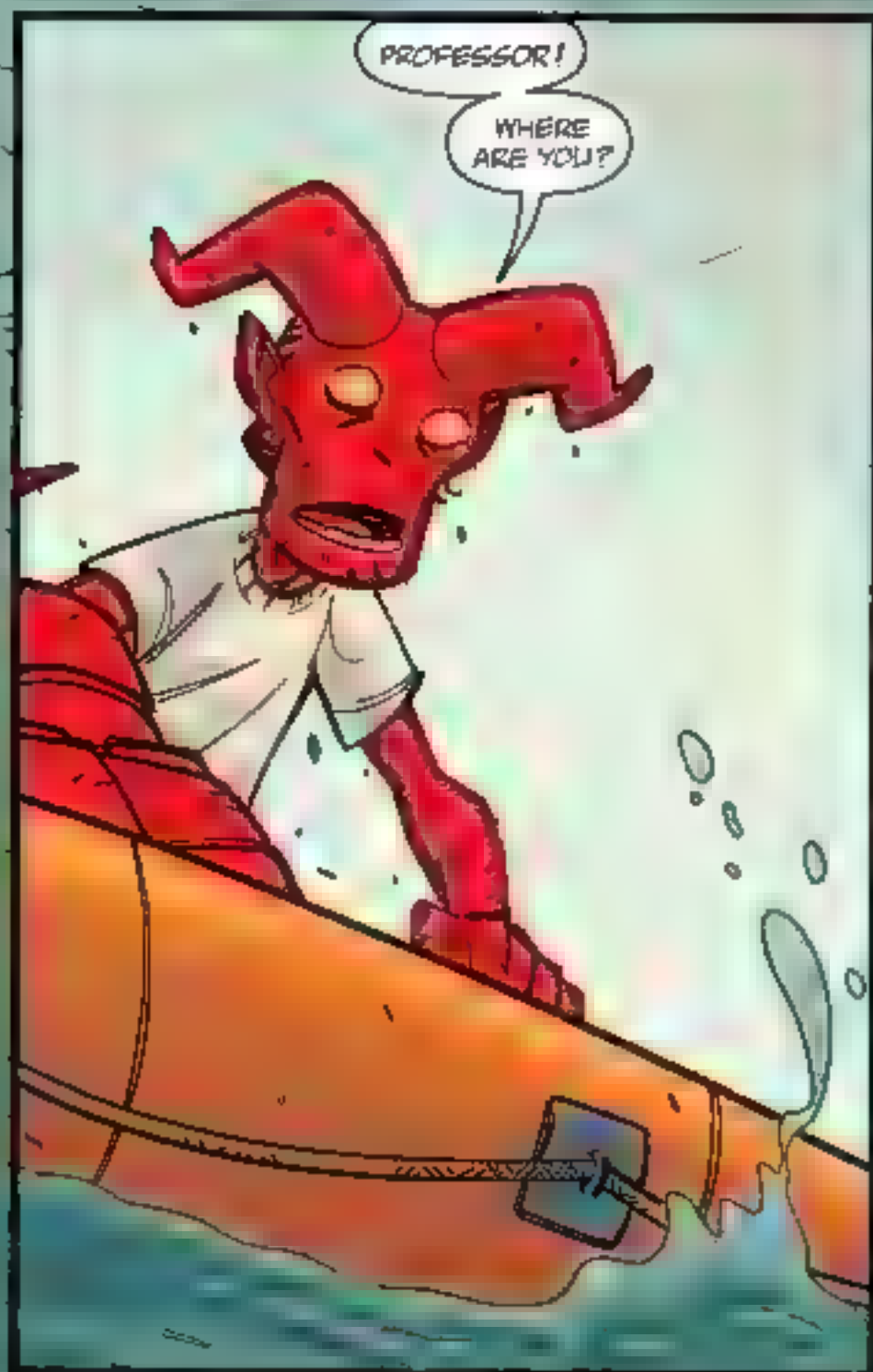
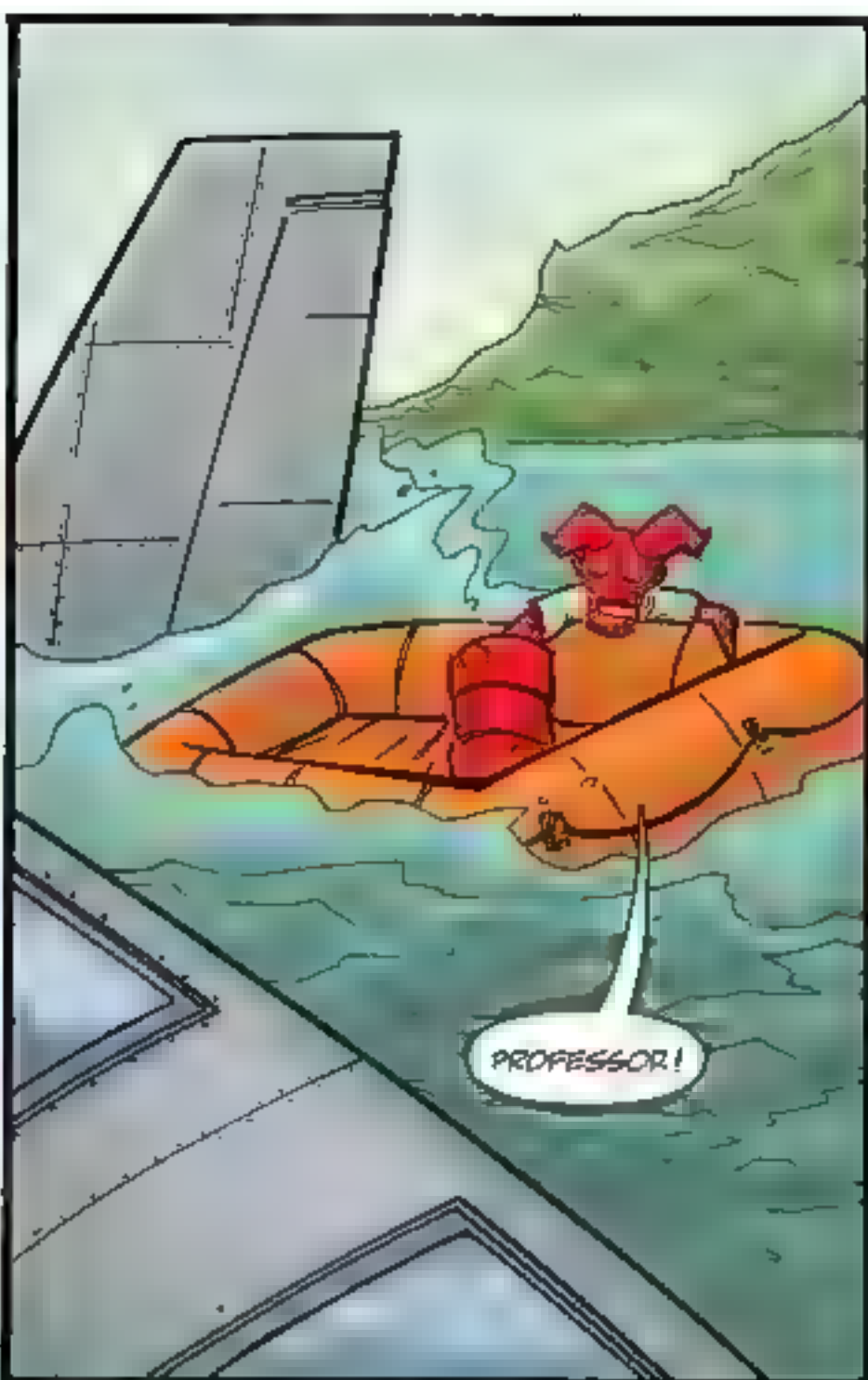
HE'S
JUST A
CHILD!

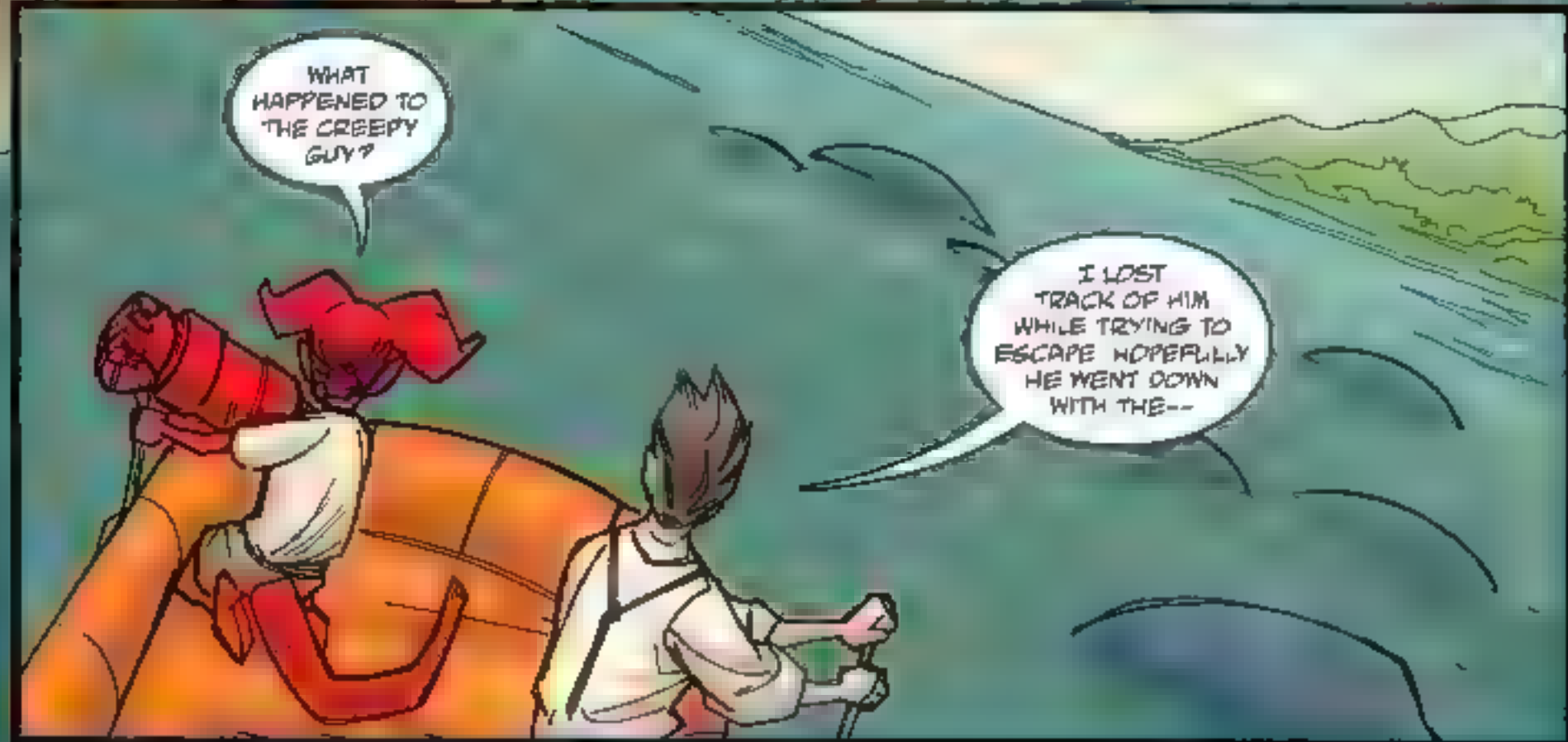
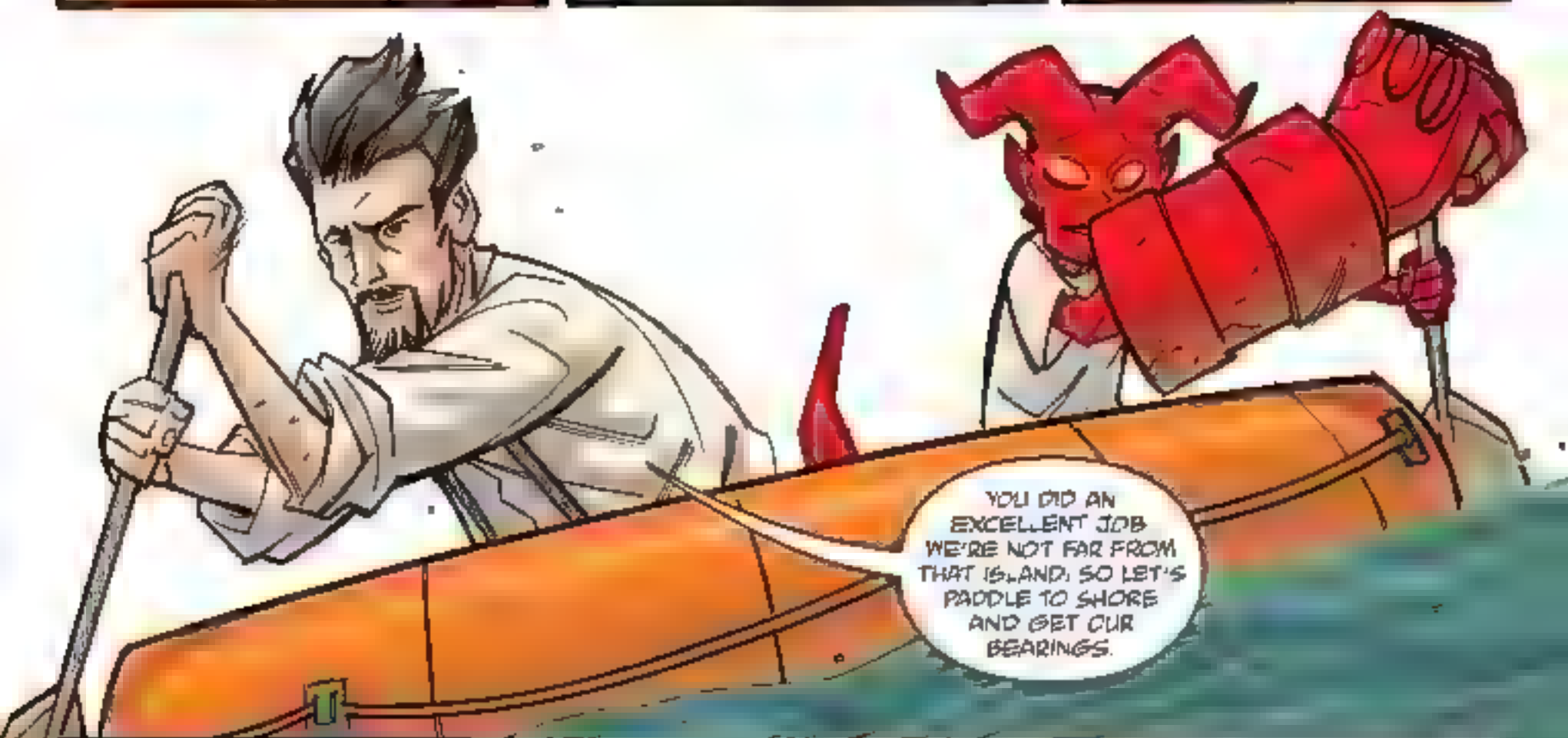
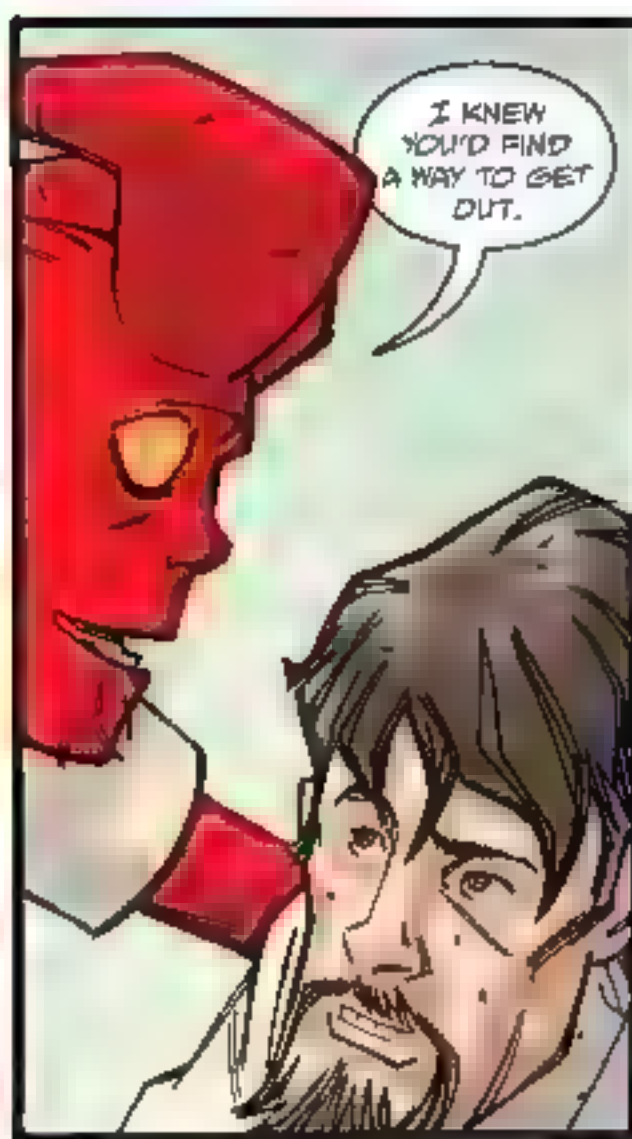
SWAAKK

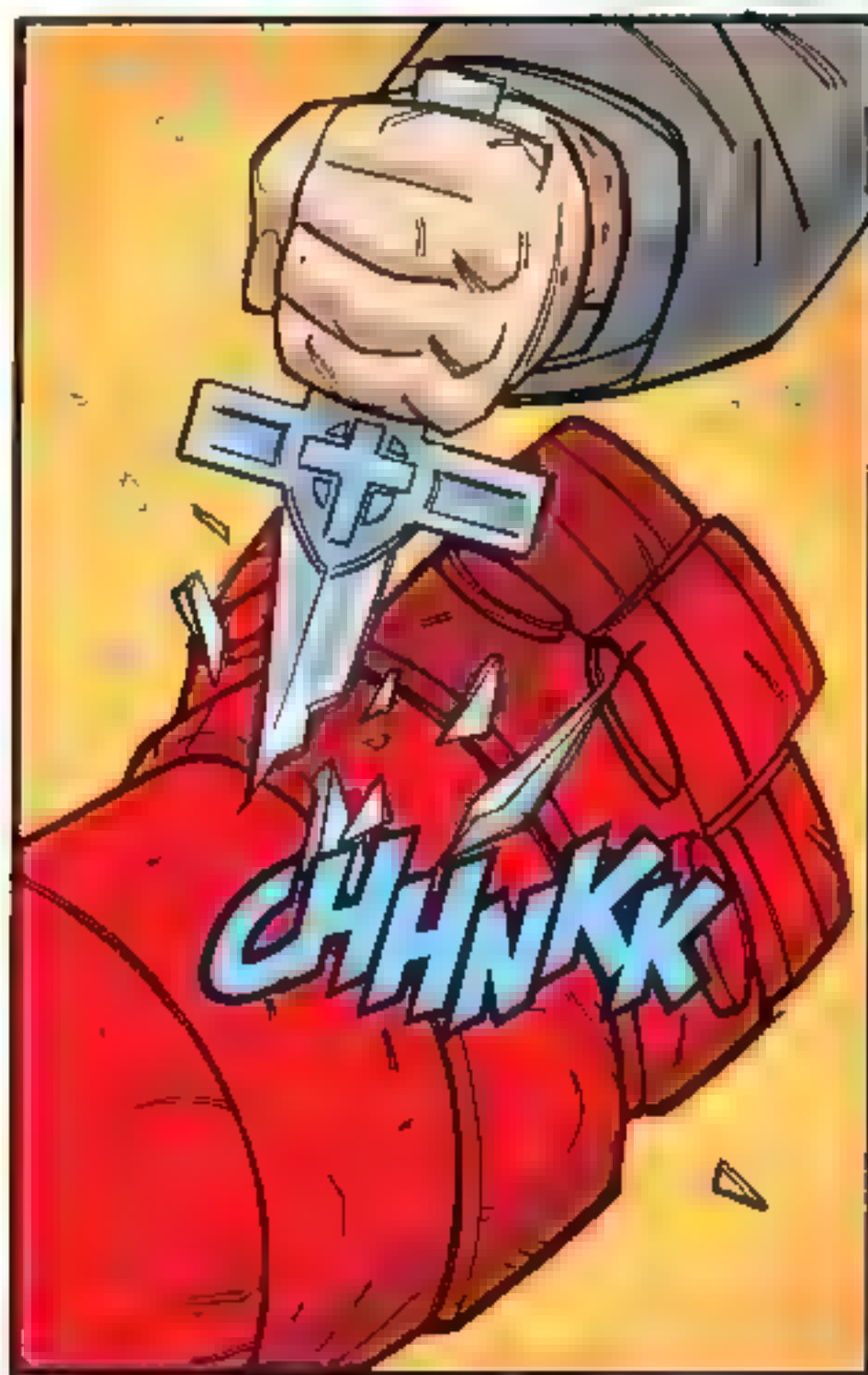
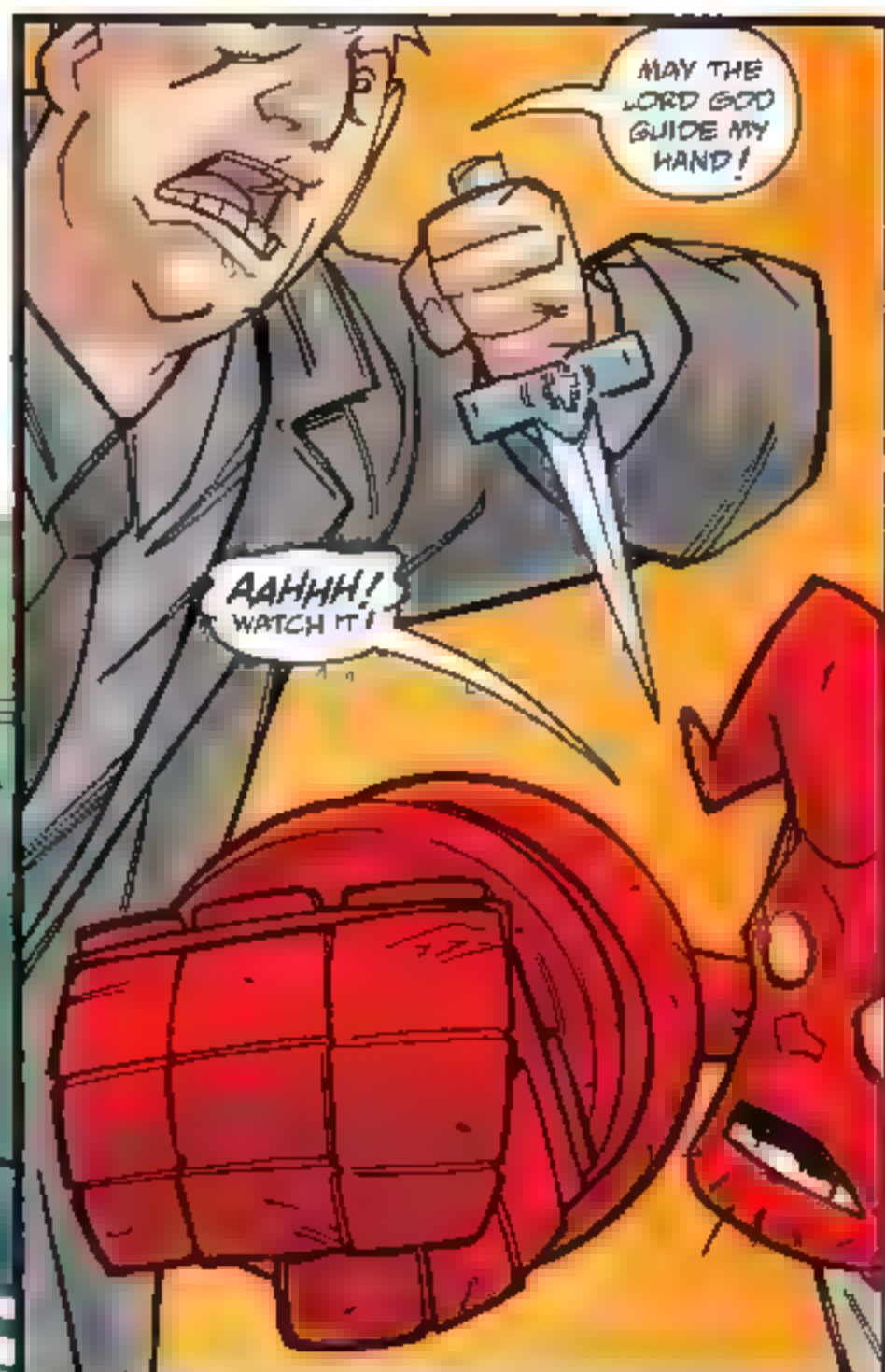
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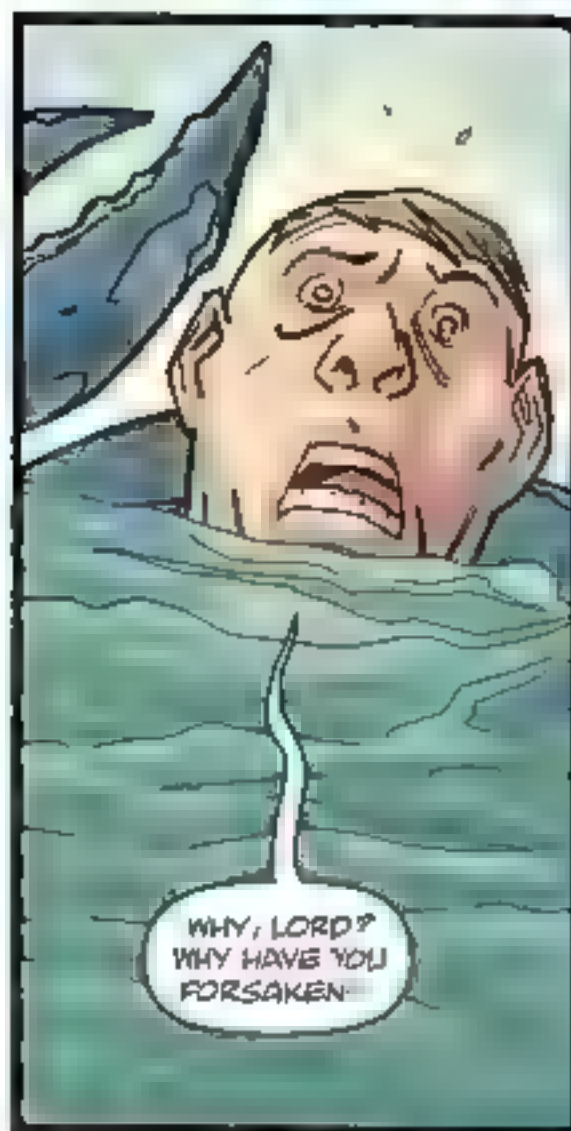
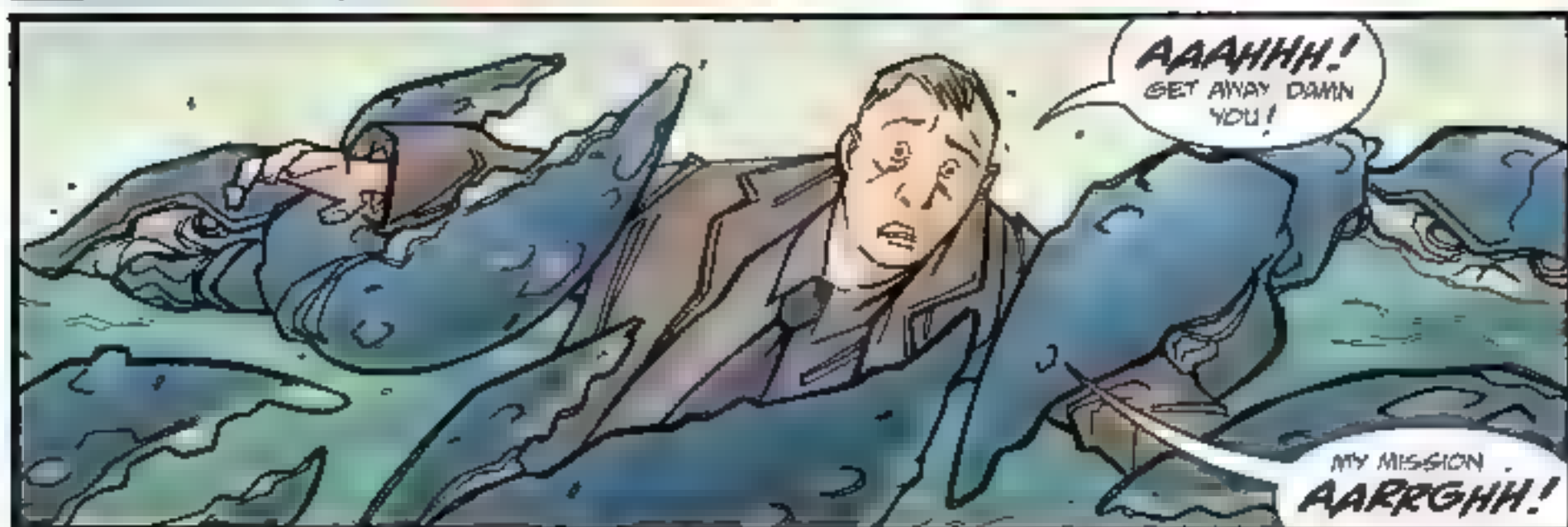
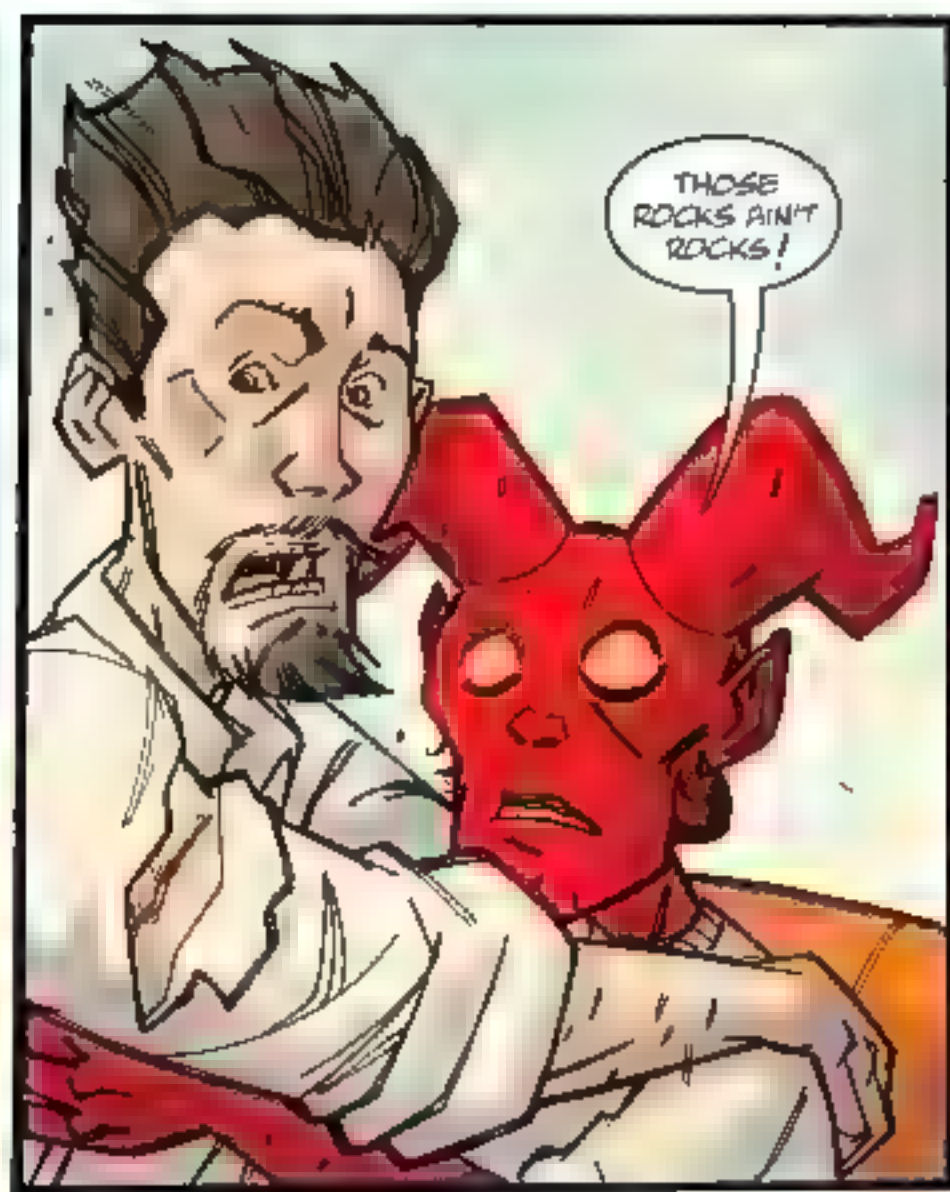


KHHHERR-THRASSH











FIGHT
THEM, HELLBOY!
FIGHT THEM WITH
EVERYTHING YOU
HAVE!

YAAAAH!
YAAAAHHHH!
GET BACK YOU UGLY
SEA BUGS!



THERE
ARE TOO
MANY WE
ARE GOING
TO NEED TO
MAKE IT TO
SHORE.

OKAY
THOUGH
I DON'T
SWIM SO
GOOD

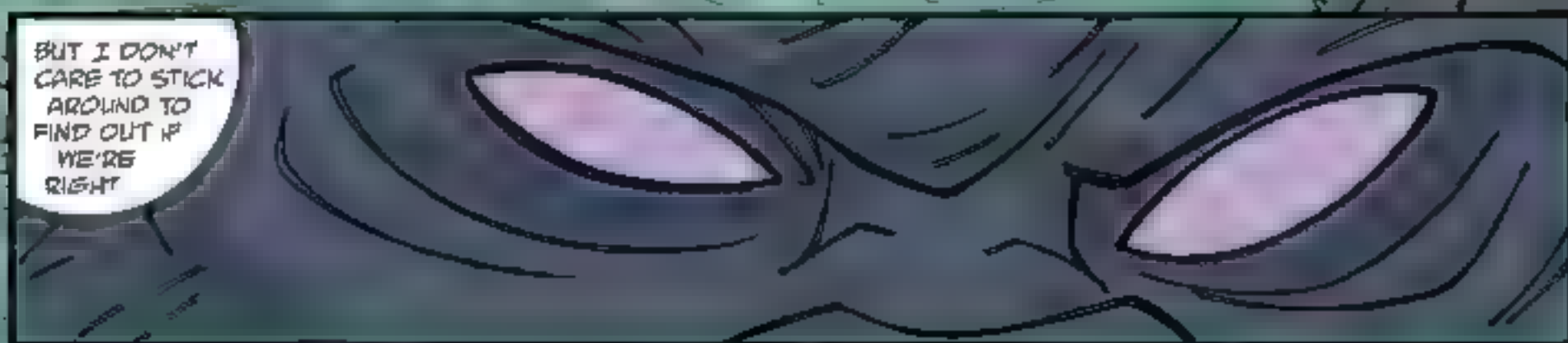
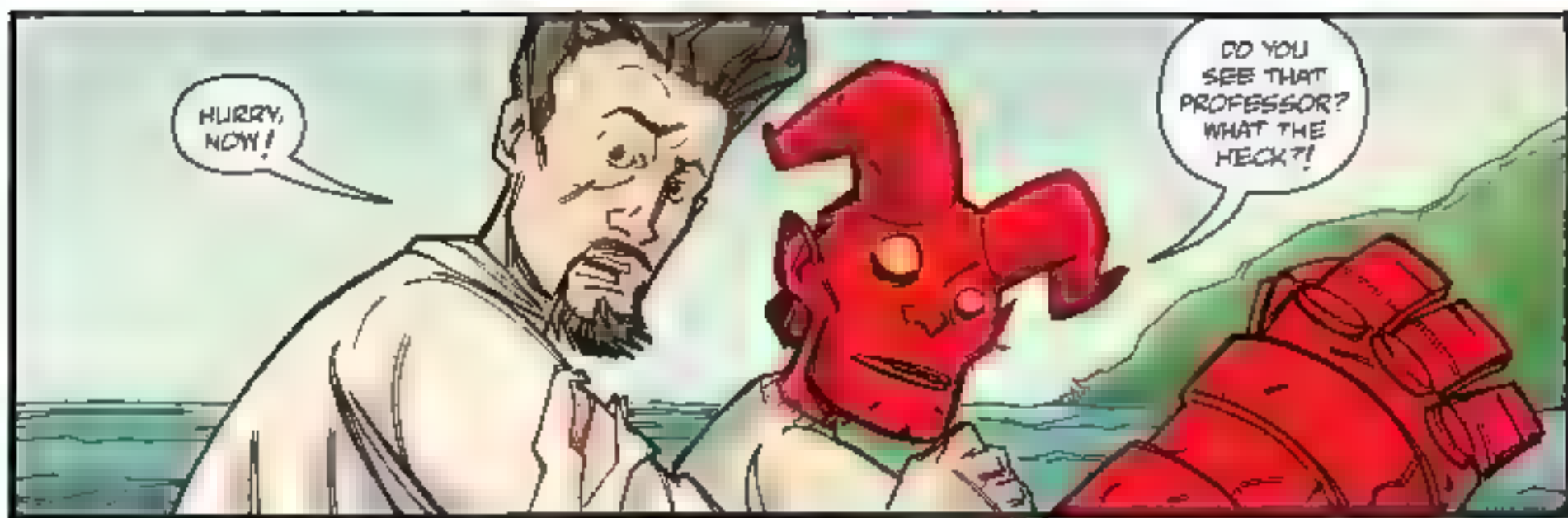


GET INTO
THE WATER.
AND I'LL HELP
YOU TO—

WRRREEE!

WHAT
IN THE
?!!







THIS ISN'T A
CAVE AT ALL. BUT A
PASSAGE INTO THE
ISLAND

WOW!
WOULD'JA LOOK
AT THAT?



ANY IDEA
WHERE WE ARE,
PROFESSOR?

HONESTLY
MY BOY I HAVEN'T
A CLUE.



I SEE EVIDENCE OF
CIVILIZATION IN THE
DISTANCE WE'LL
HEAD TOWARD
THAT

GOTCHA!



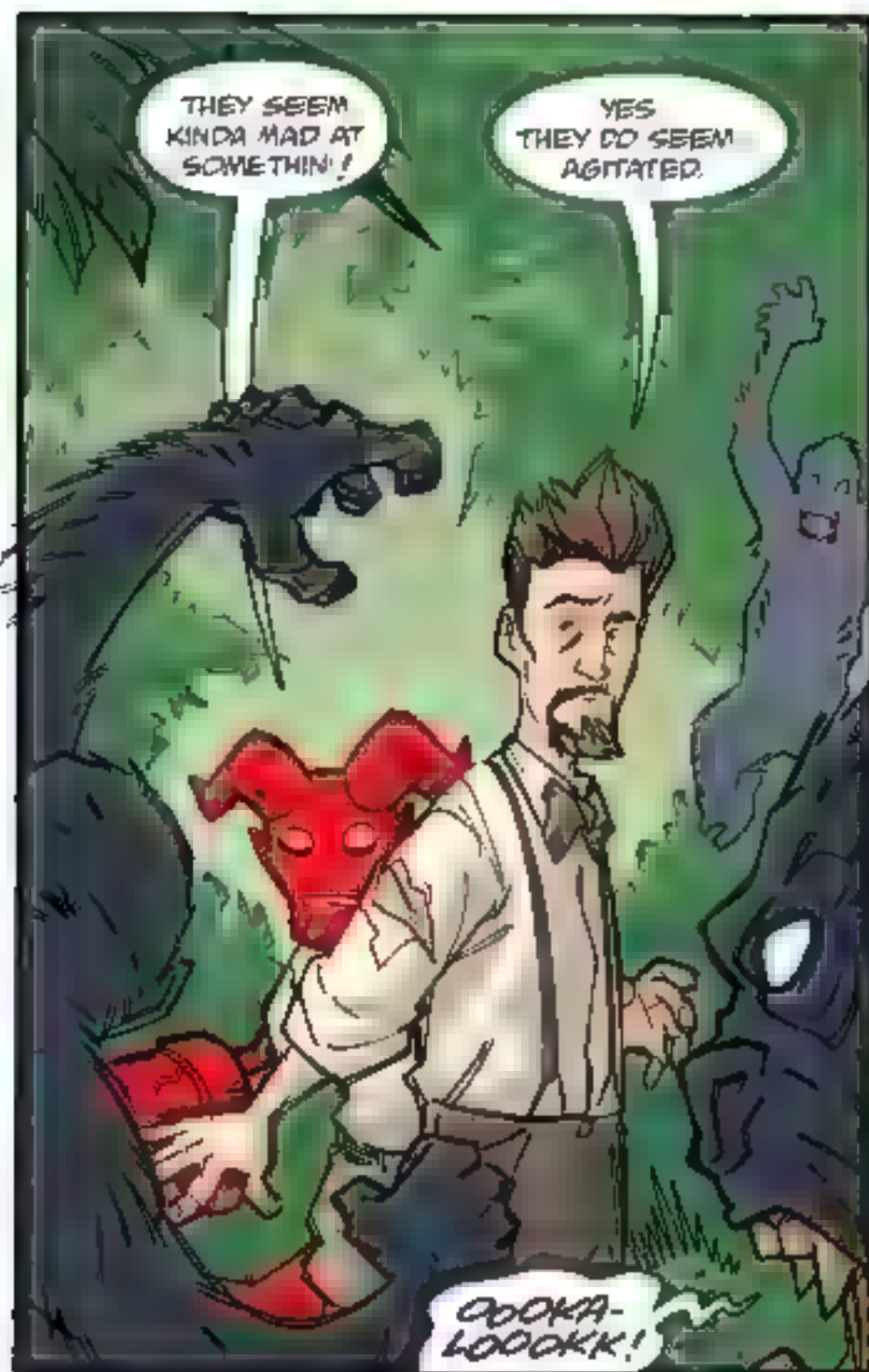
NOTHIN' BUT SURPRISES
SO FAR ON THIS
ADVENTURE RIGHT,
PROFESSOR?

TOO
TRUE MY
BOY. LET'S
HOPE THAT
THIS IS THE
END OF
SURPRISES
FOR THIS
TRIP

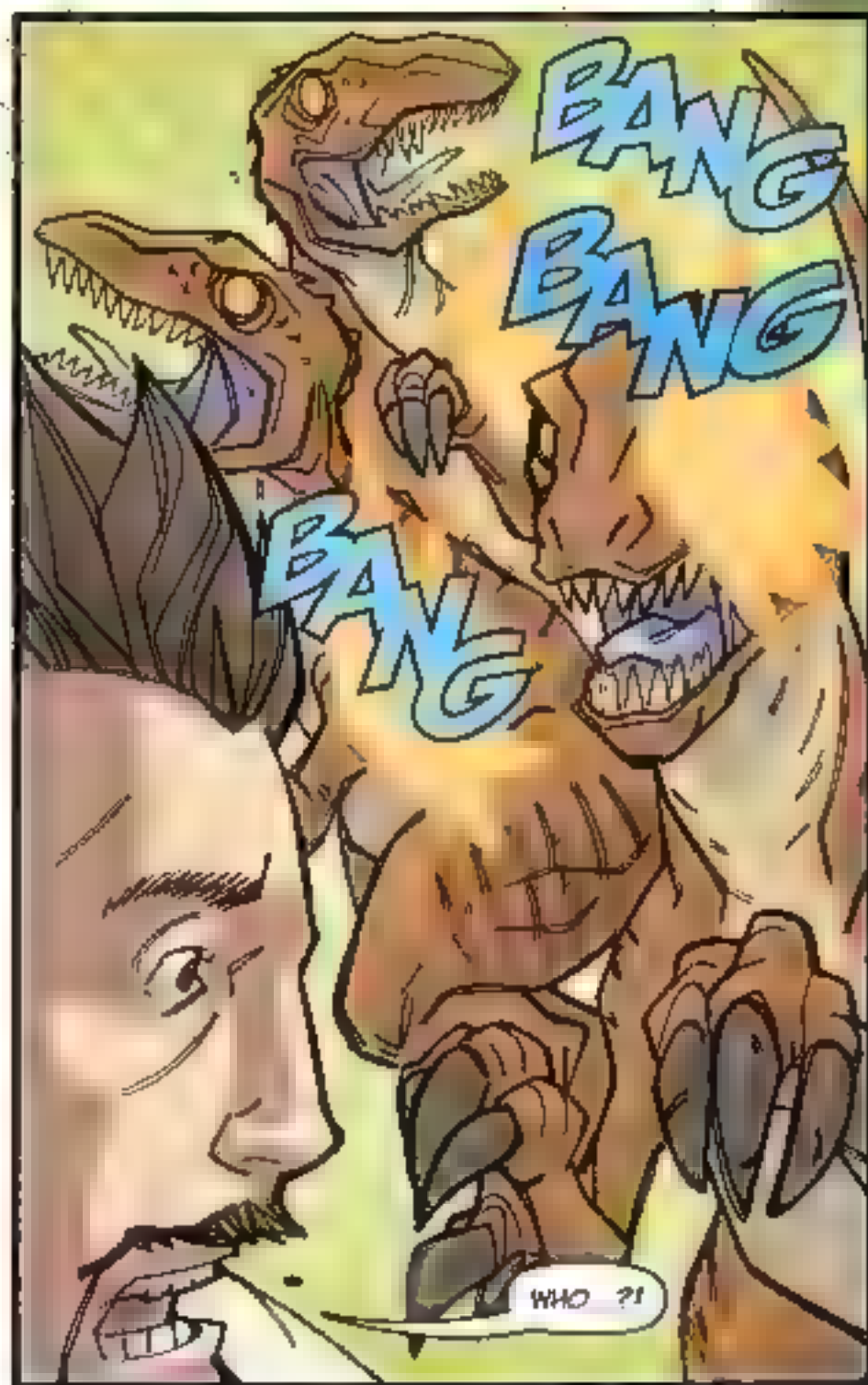


AHGGHH!
YOU JINXED US!

REMAIN CALM
UNTIL WE DETERMINE
THEIR DEMEANDR









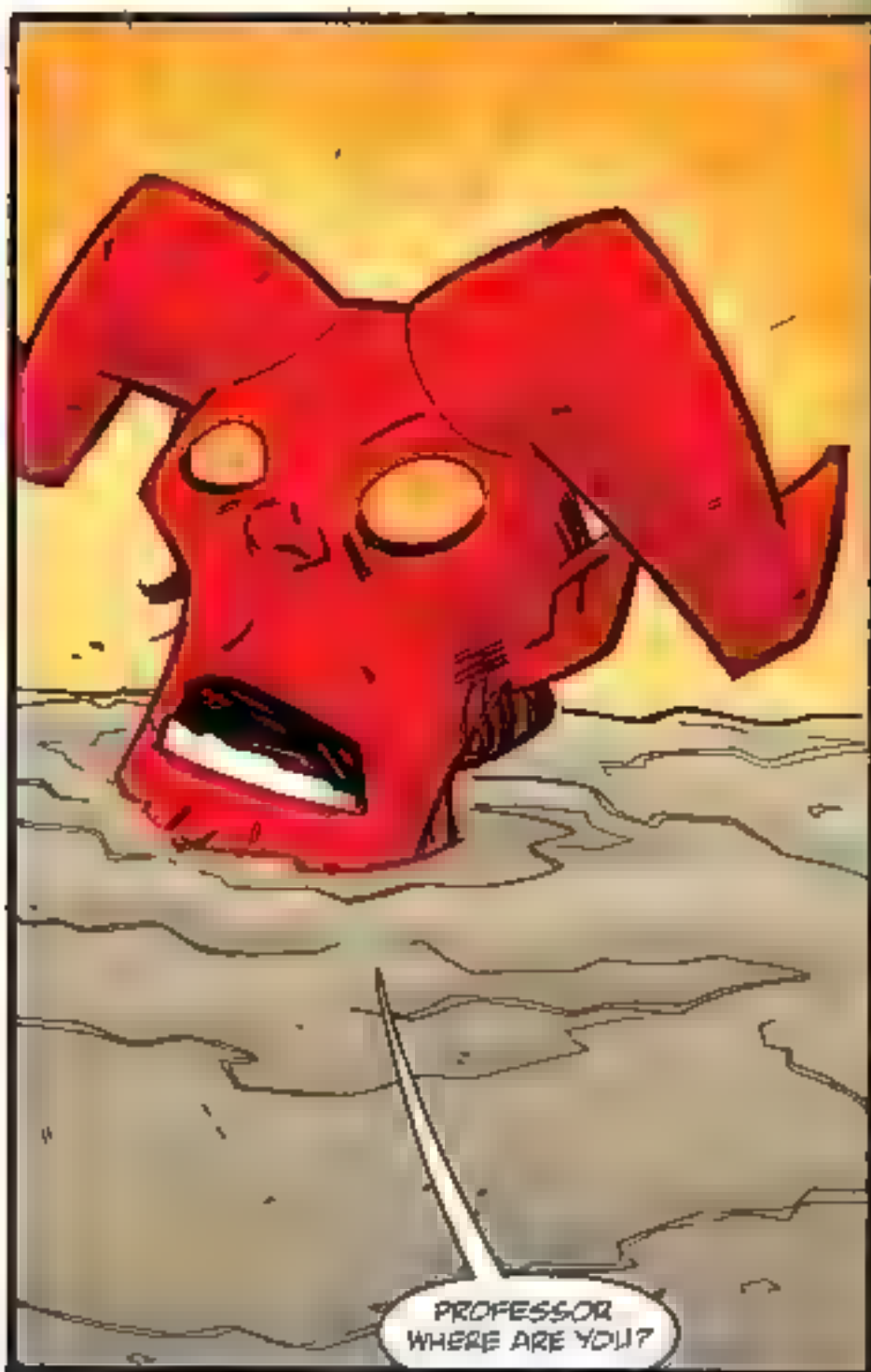
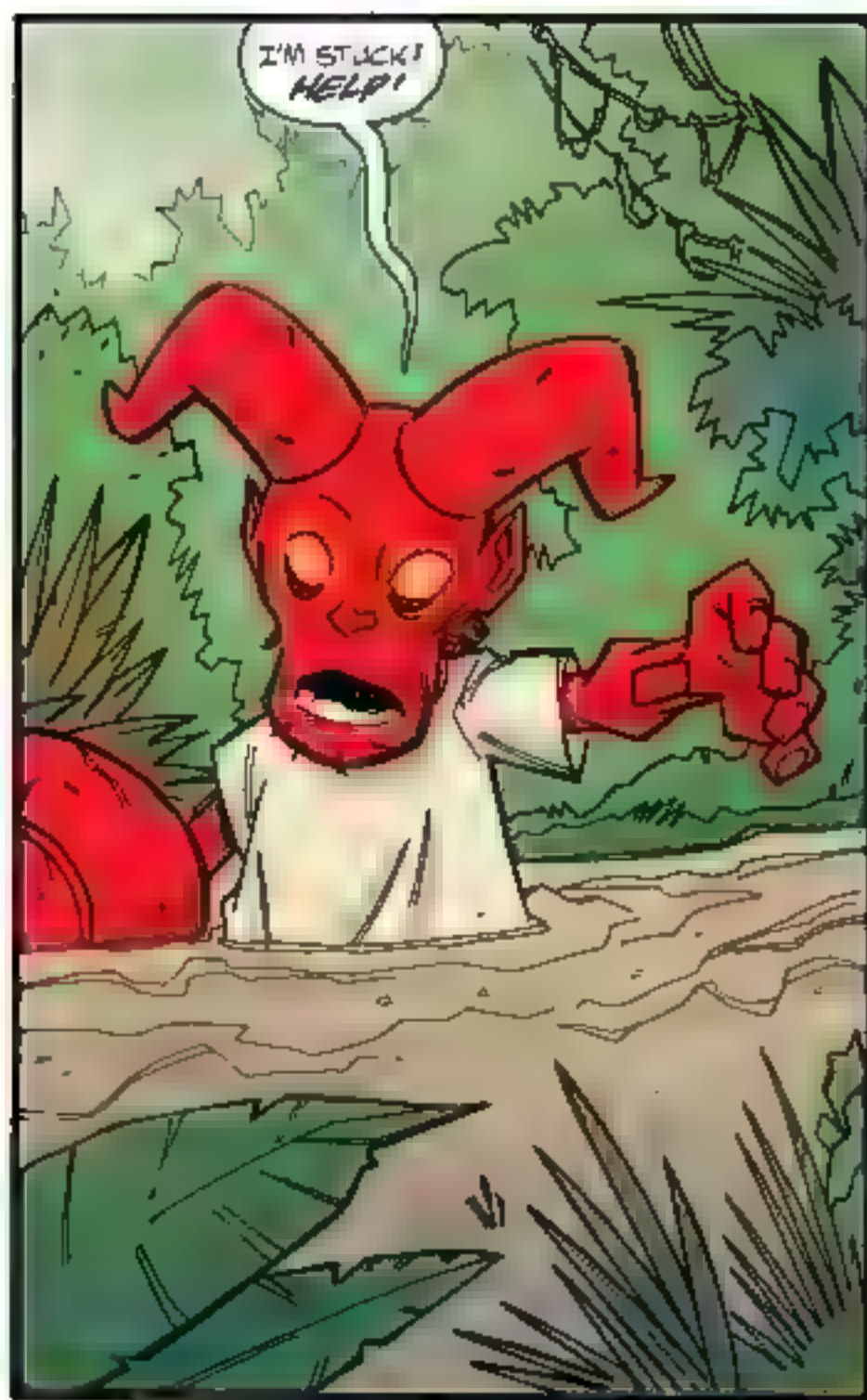
PROFESSOR?
I'M HERE WHERE
ARE YOU?

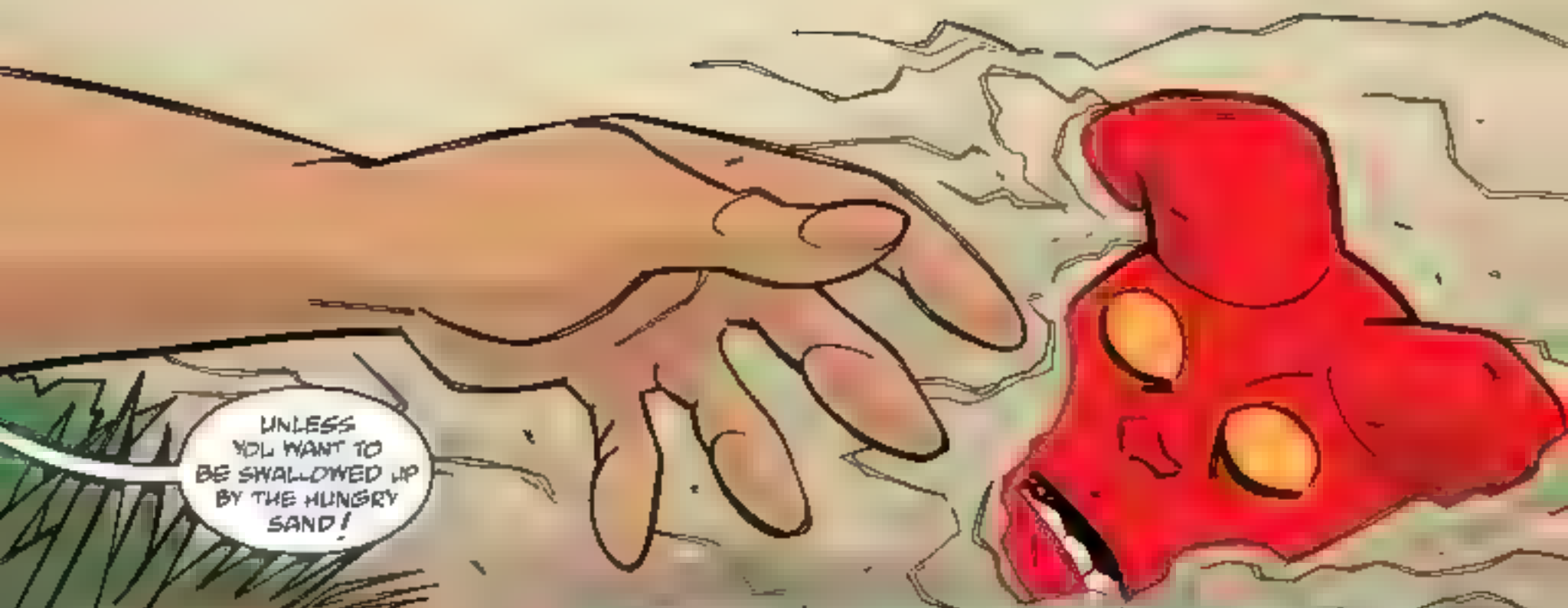


AAAAHH!
THESE GUYS
AGAIN!

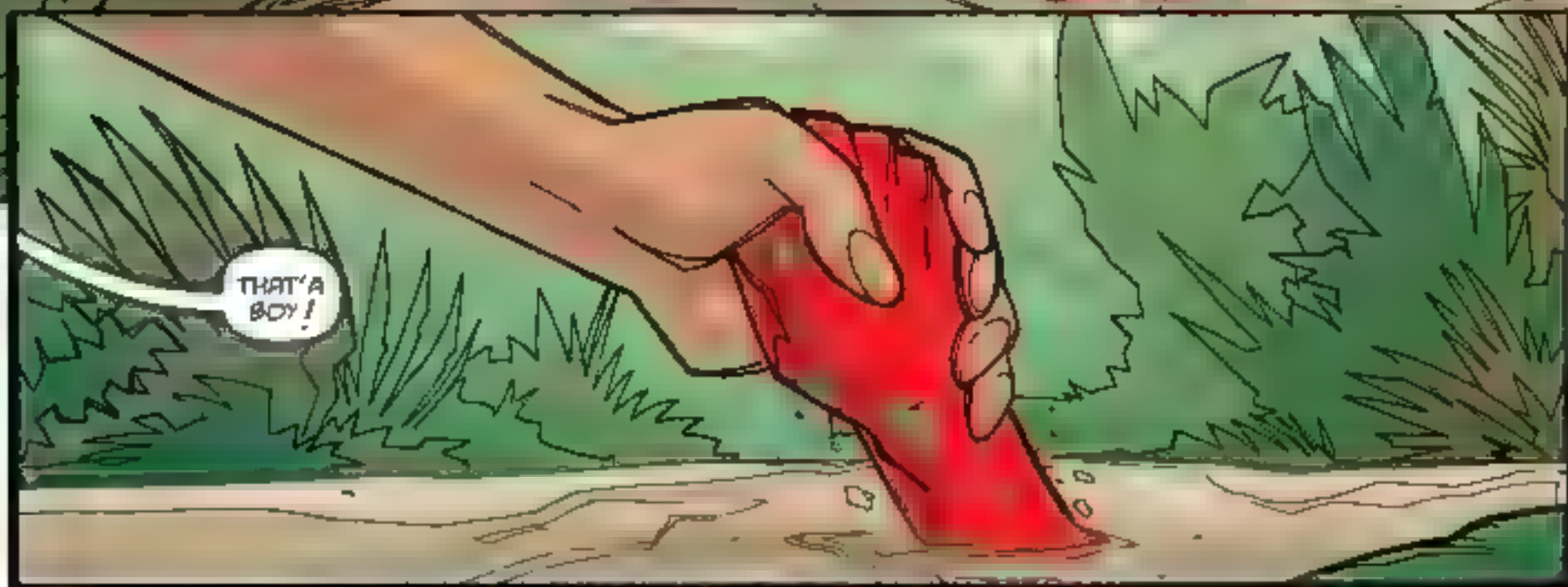


WHAT THE
HECK?!

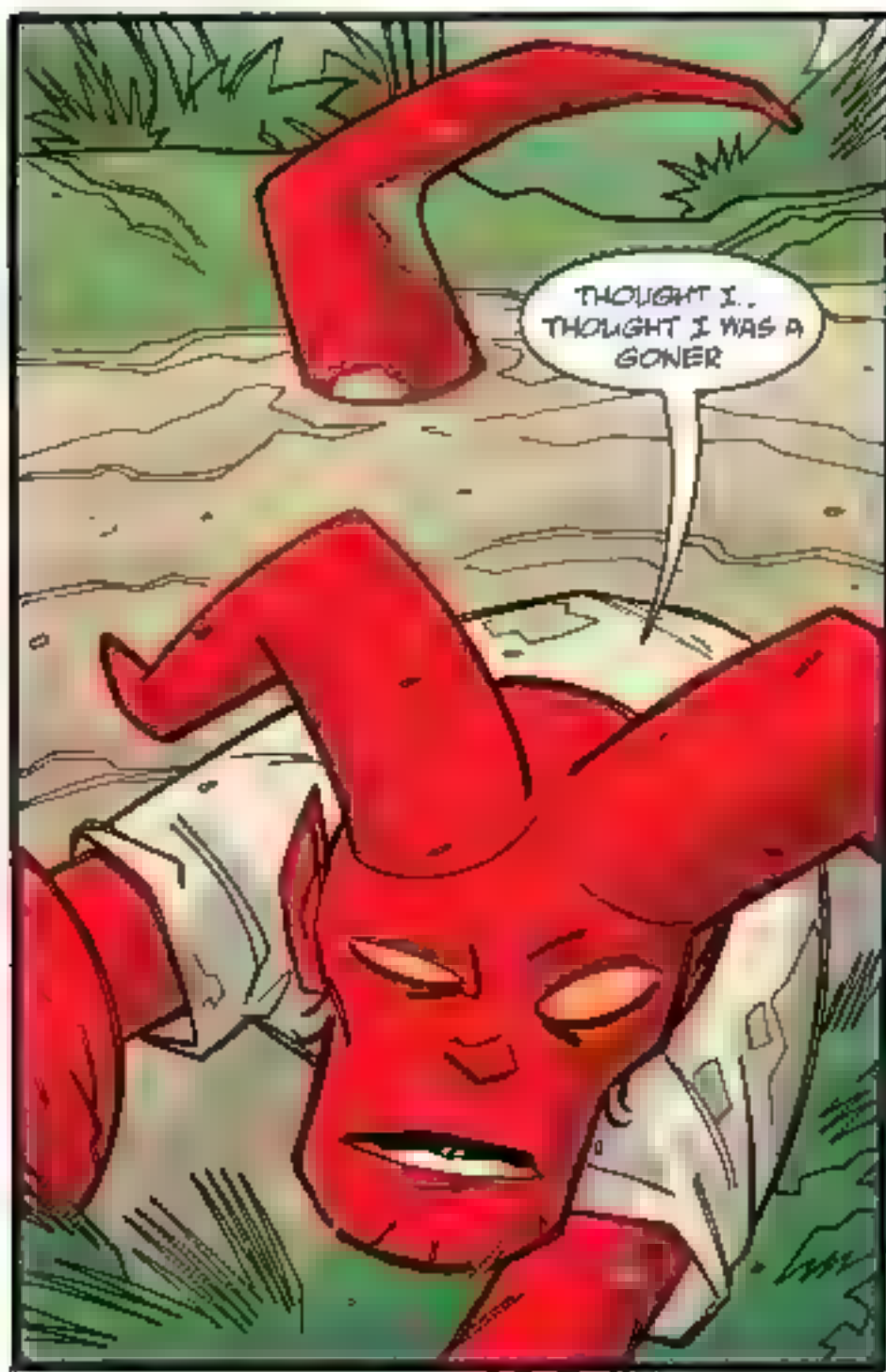




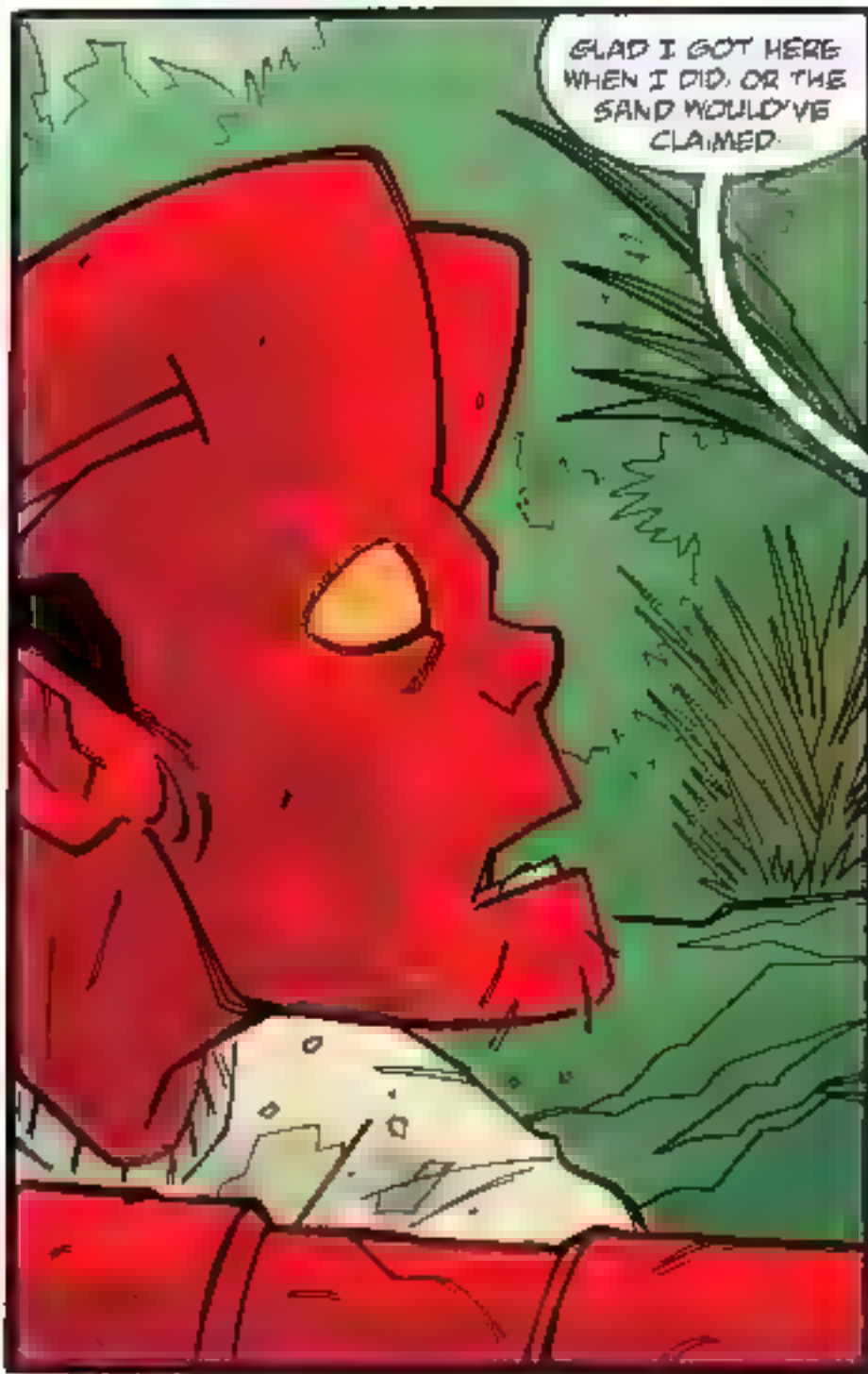
UNLESS
YOU WANT TO
BE SWALLOWED UP
BY THE HUNGRY
SAND!



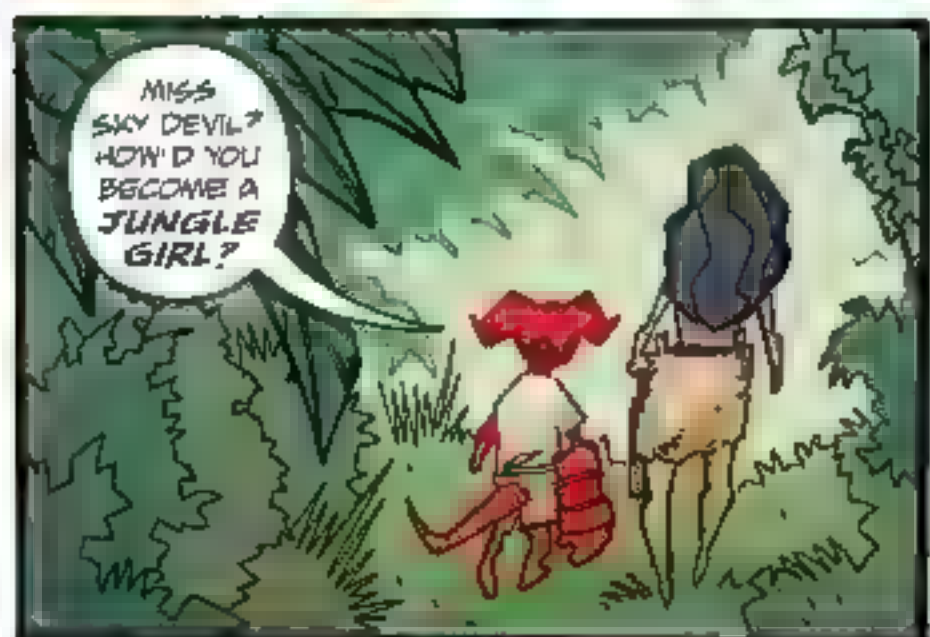
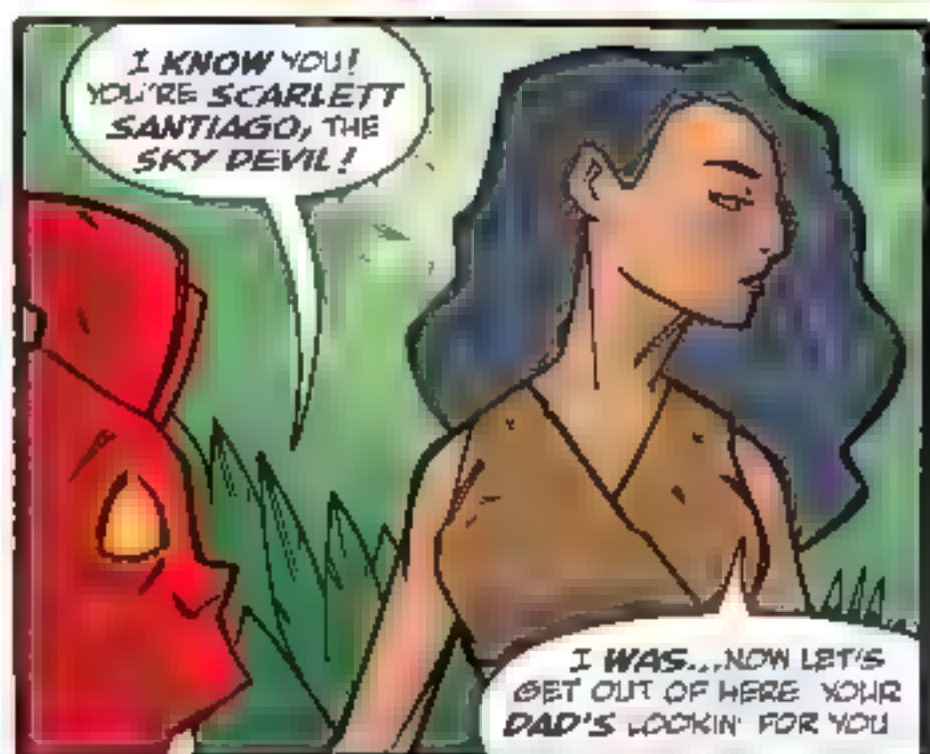
THAT'S A
BOY!

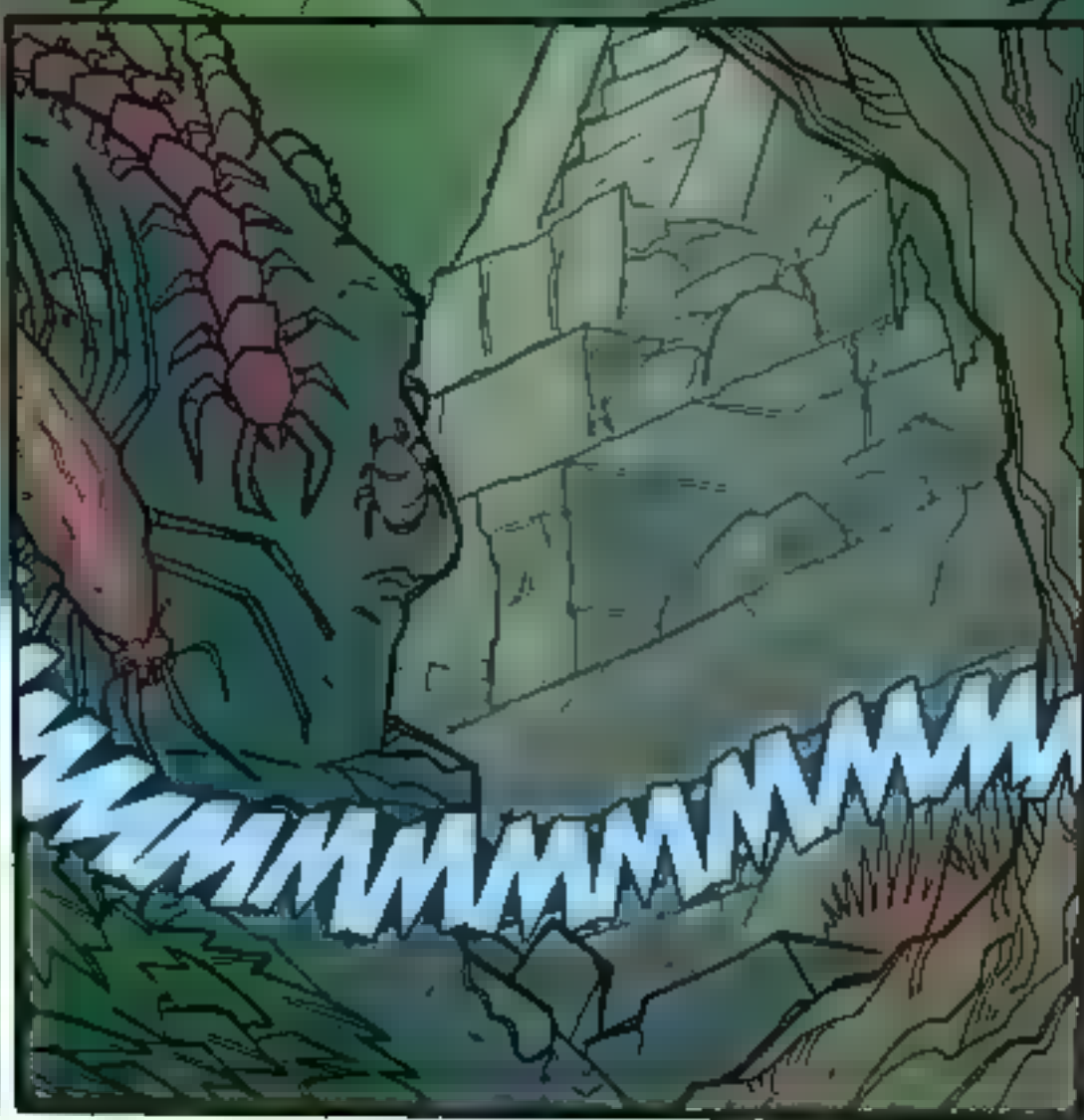
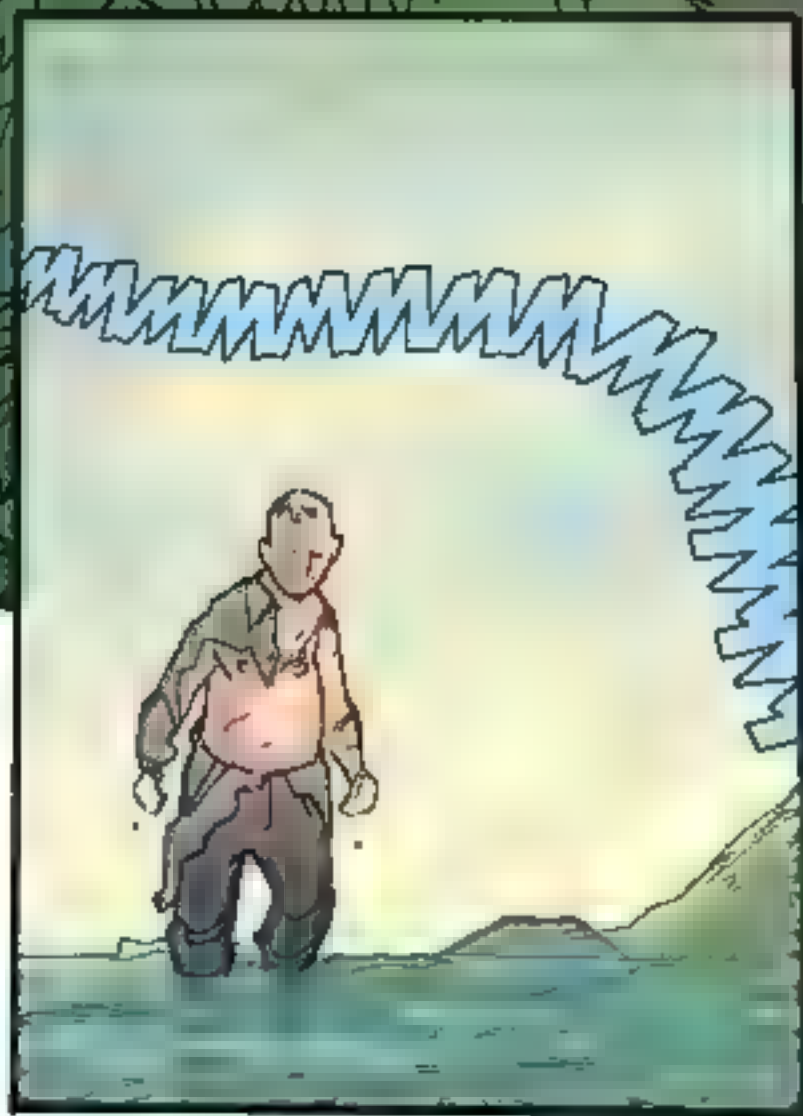
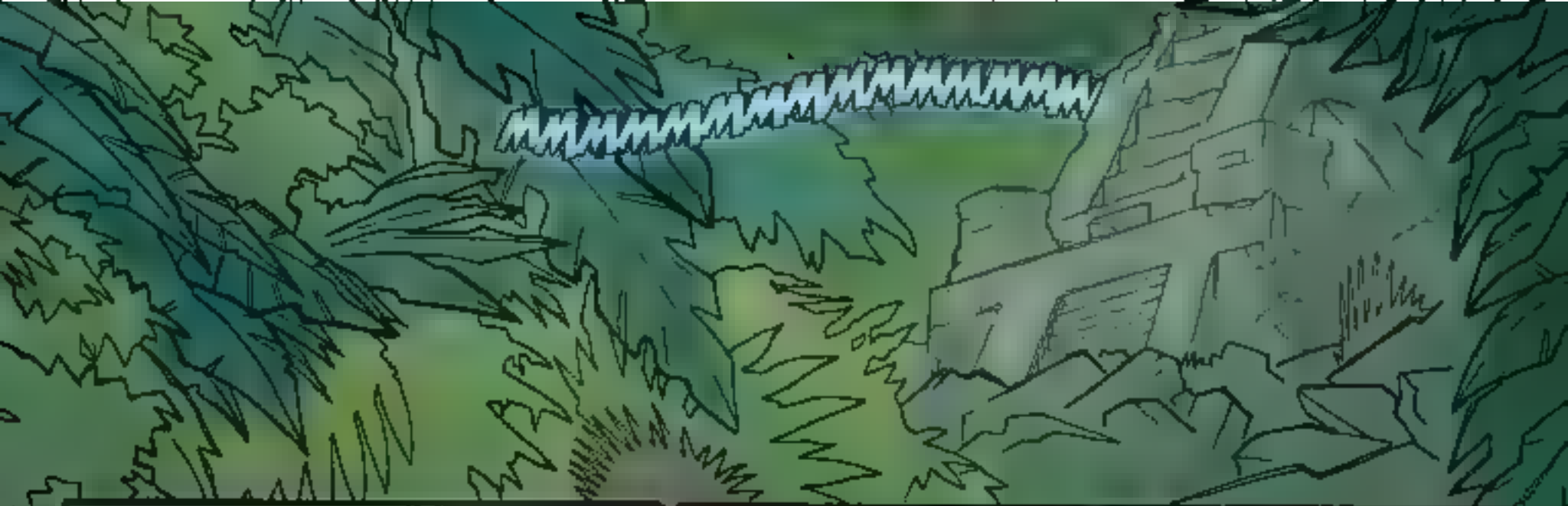


THOUGHT I...
THOUGHT I WAS A
GONER



GLAD I GOT HERE
WHEN I DID, OR THE
SAND WOULD'VE
CLAIMED





CHAPTER TWO





THE BUREAU FOR PARANORMAL RESEARCH AND DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS. FAIRFIELD, CT TWO MONTHS AGO.

"SCARLETT'S DAD FLEW A CROP DUSTER IN NEW MEXICO! THAT'S WHERE SHE LEARNED TO FLY PLANES!"



"THEY SURE DIDN'T! AND THE BOSS OF THE CARNIVAL—JOHN 'THE GHOST MAKER' VALENTINE—HE USED TO BE A FAMOUS GUNSLINGER. HE KNEW SCARLETT WAS THE ONE THAT SAVED HIS SHOW AND GAVE HER A DEVIL'S HEAD BELT BUCKLE TO SAY THANKS! AND THE NICKNAME *SKY DEVIL!*"



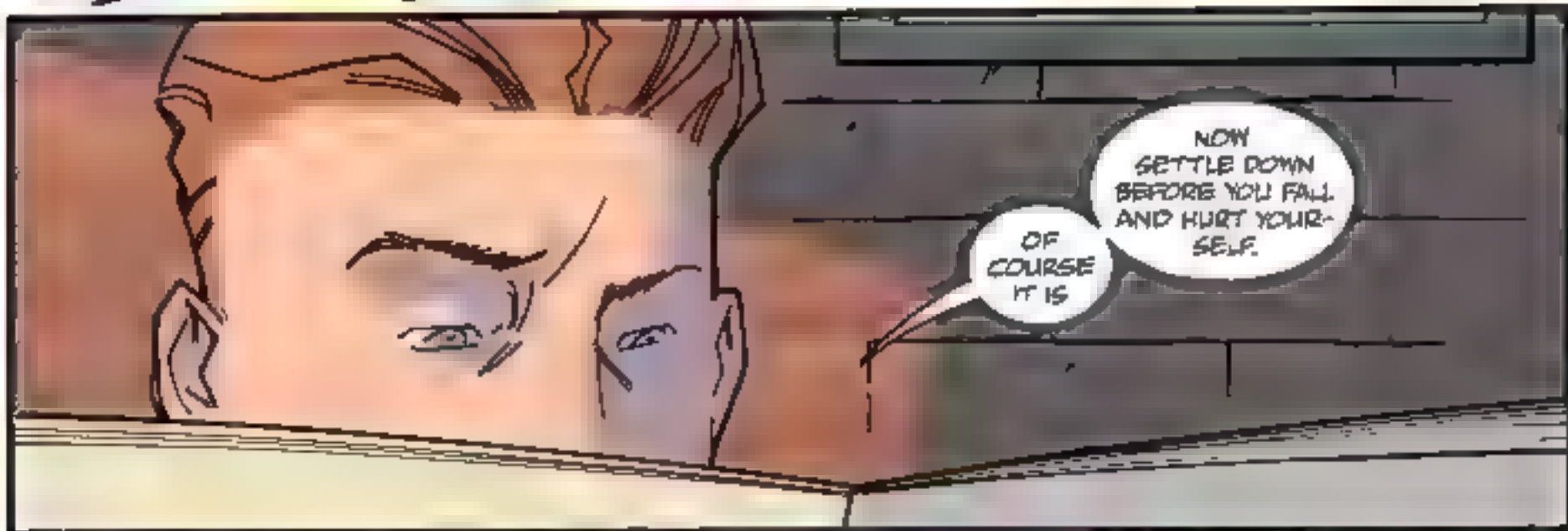
THAT'S WHEN SHE LEFT THE ROAD SHOW, TRAVELING THE WORLD IN HER PLANE AND GETTING INTO ALL SORTS OF ADVENTURES!

AND THE BESTEST THING OF ALL IS THAT IT'S ALL TRUE!



NOW SETTLE DOWN BEFORE YOU FALL AND HURT YOURSELF.

OF COURSE IT IS

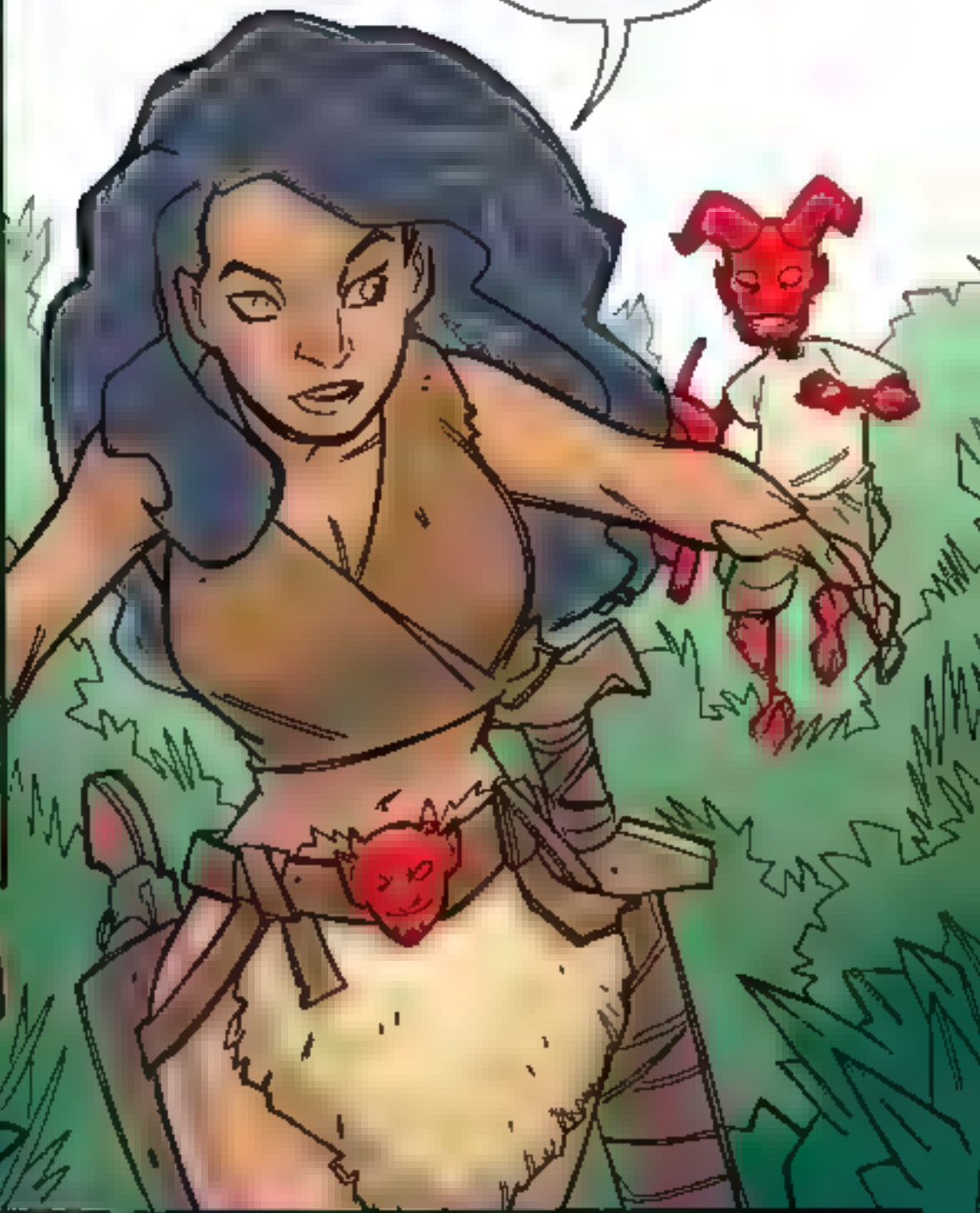


BUT THE WORST PART IS THAT ON HER LAST ADVENTURE SCARLETT AND HER PLANE WENT MISSING, AND SHE HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE.





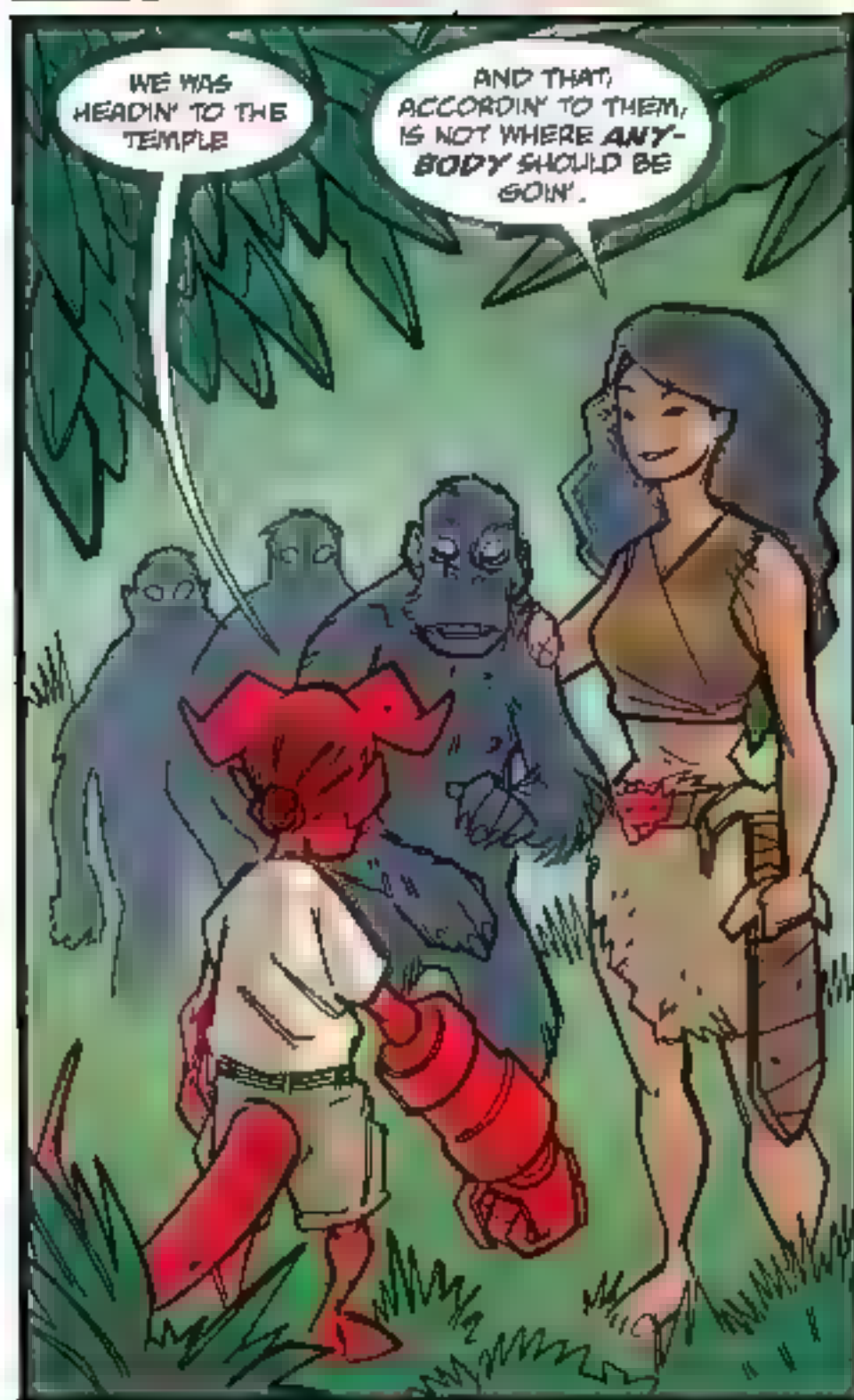
SKY
DEVIL...THERE'S
A NAME I HAVEN'T
HEARD IN QUITE
AWHILE.



HE'S FINE SOON
AS I HELPED HIM
OUT WITH THE
LIZARDS...



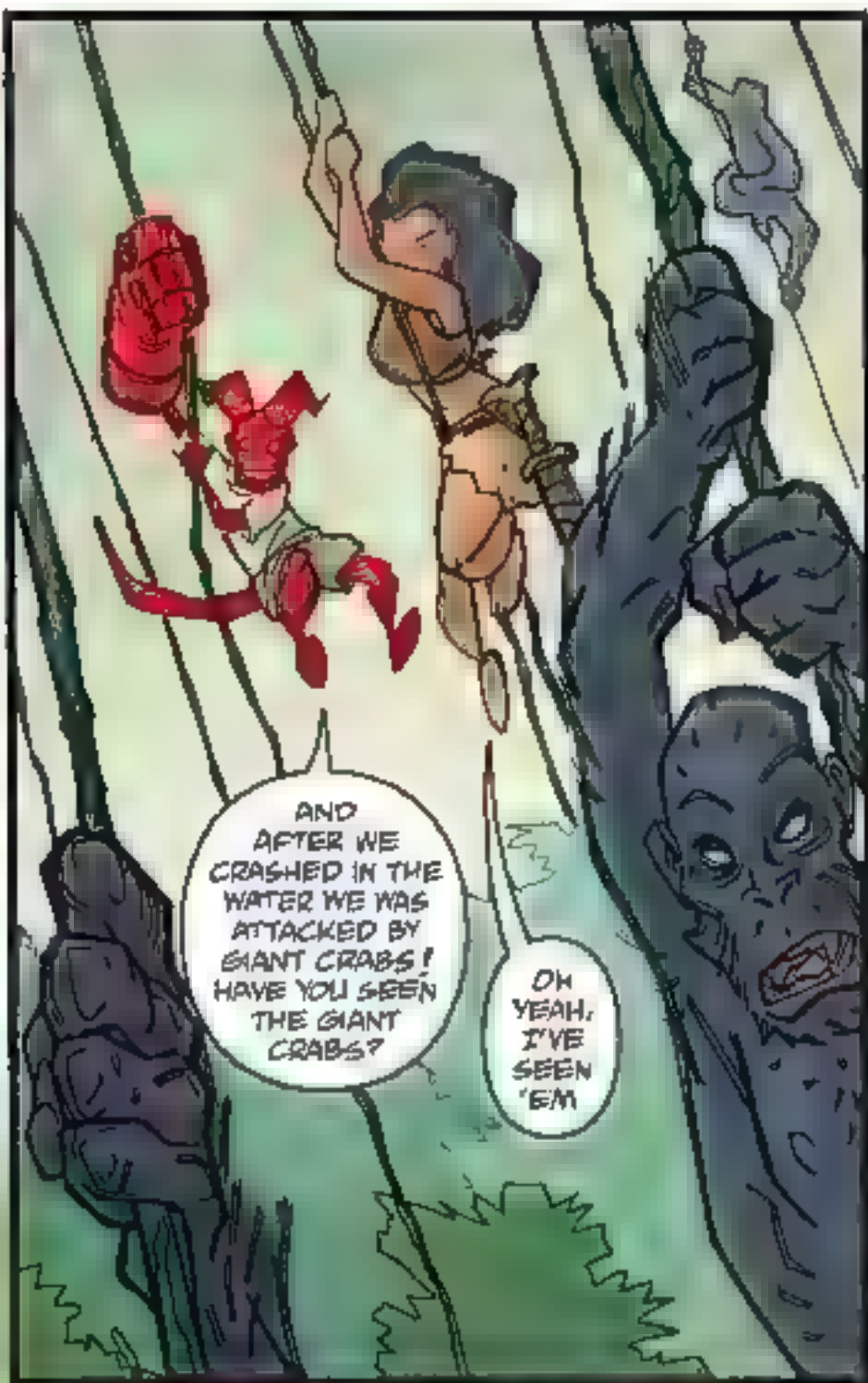
...I HAD
MY FRIENDS
HERE TAKE HIM
BACK TO THE
VILLAGE.





CRAZY GUY
KILLED OUR
PILOTS AND
THEN TRIED TO
STAB ME AND THE
PROFESSOR! WE
DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW THE
GUY!

YA
DON'T
SOY



AND
AFTER WE
CRASHED IN THE
WATER WE WAS
ATTACKED BY
GIANT CRABS!
HAVE YOU SEEN
THE GIANT
CRABS?

OH
YEAH,
I'VE
SEEN
'EM



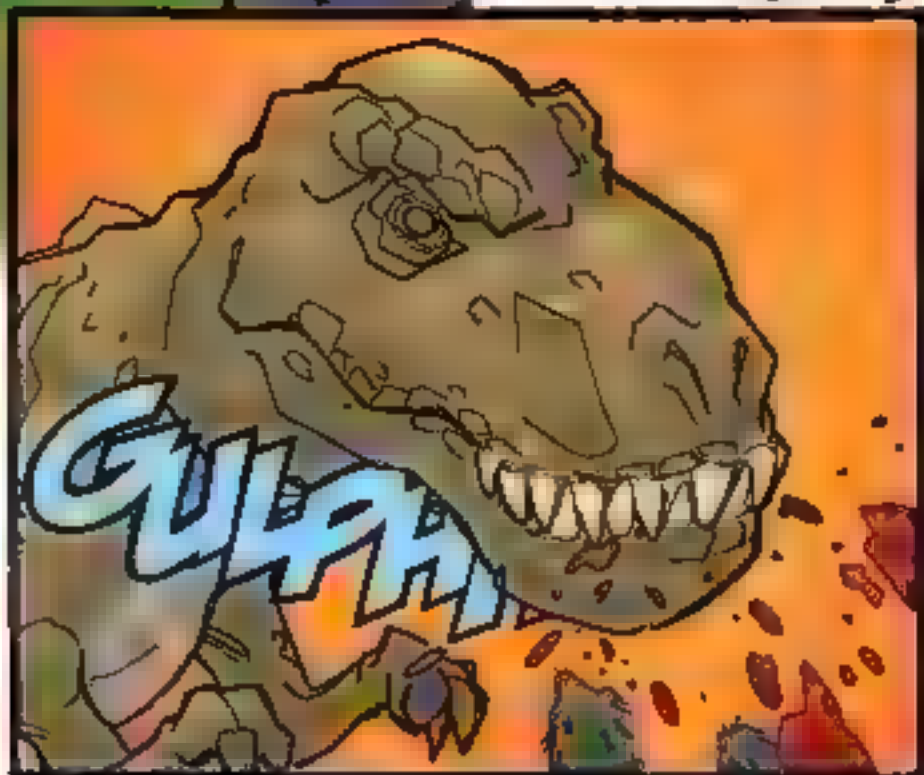
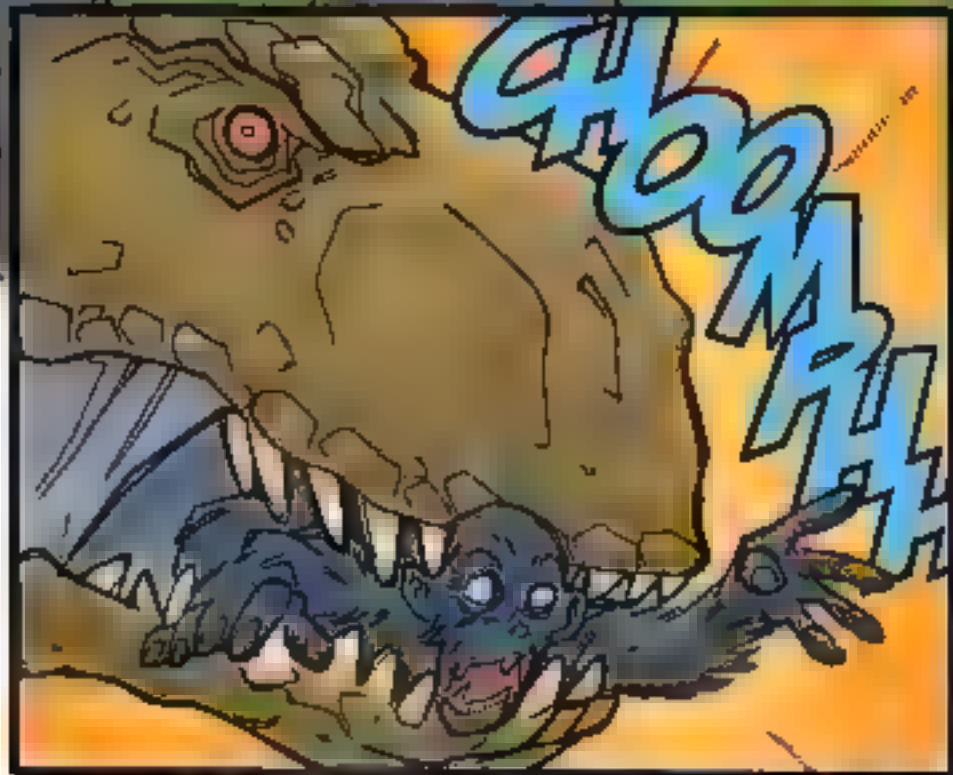
I
THOUGHT
WE WAS CRAB
FOOD, BUT THEN
THE **GIANT**
APE SAVED
US!

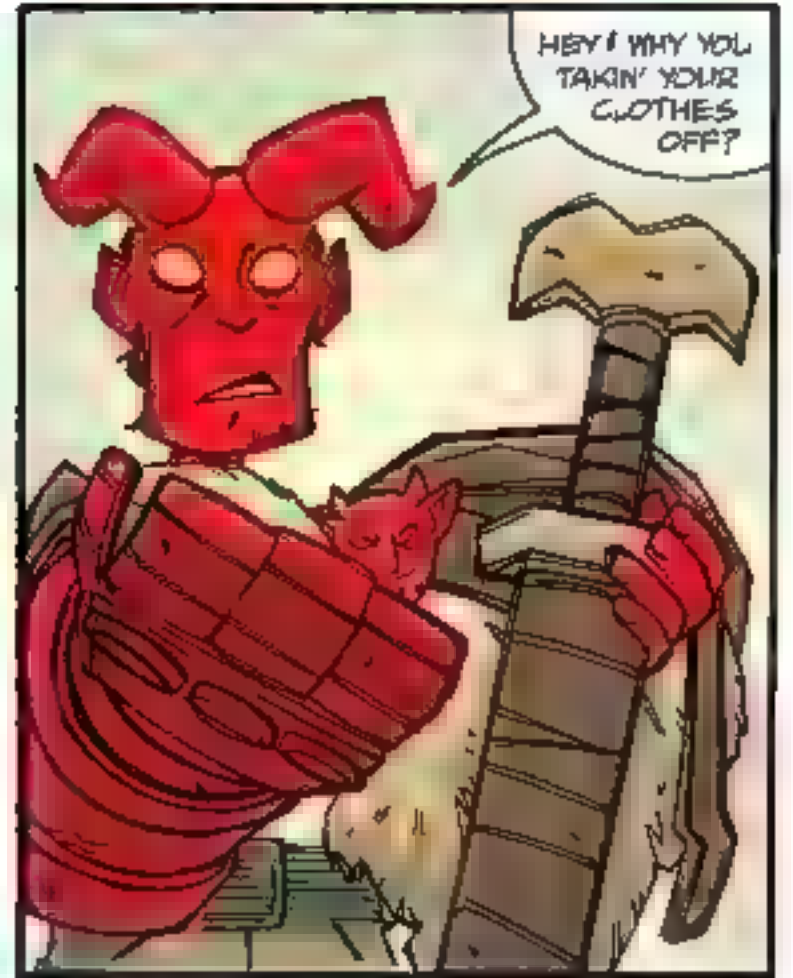
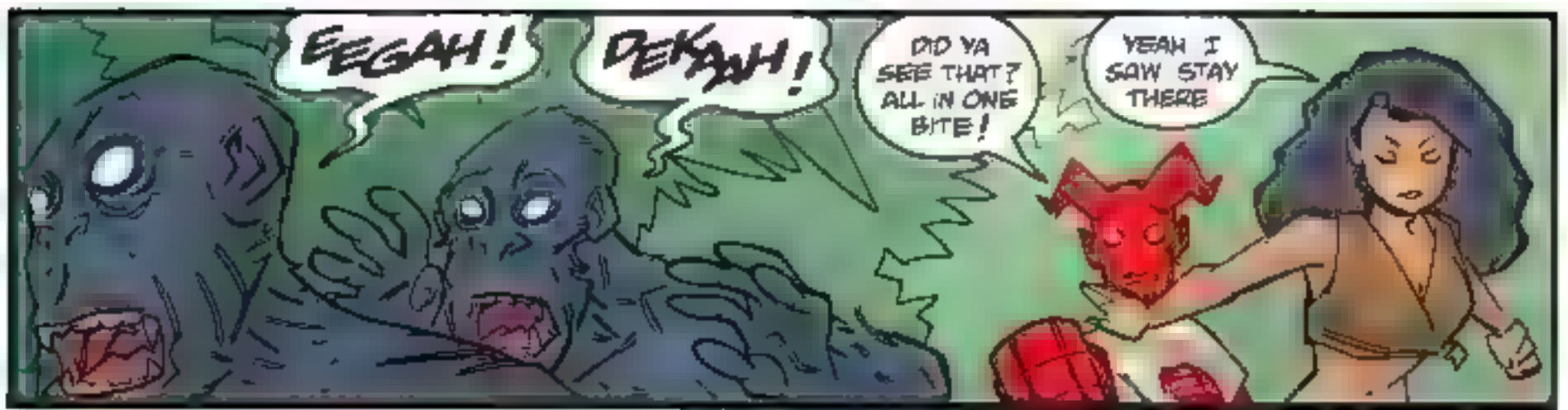
GIANT
APE? I HEARD
TELL 'A ONE OF
THOSE STOMPIN'
AROUND.

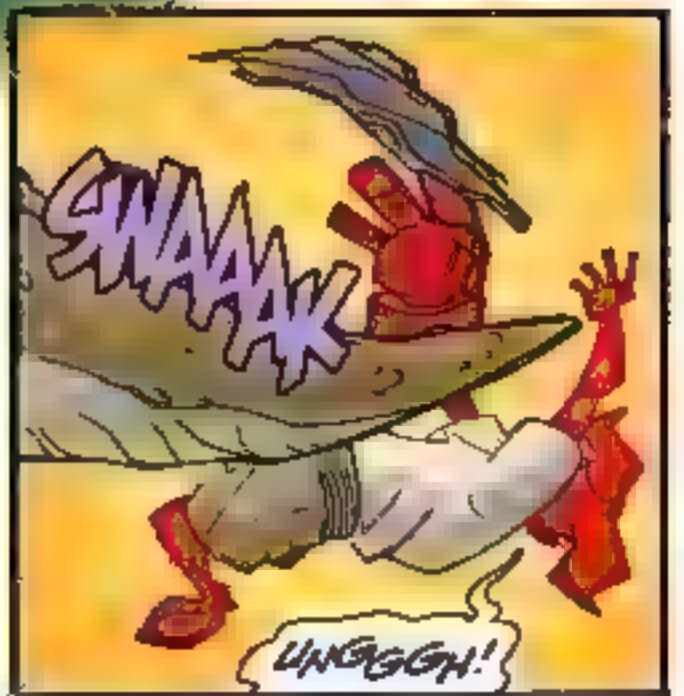


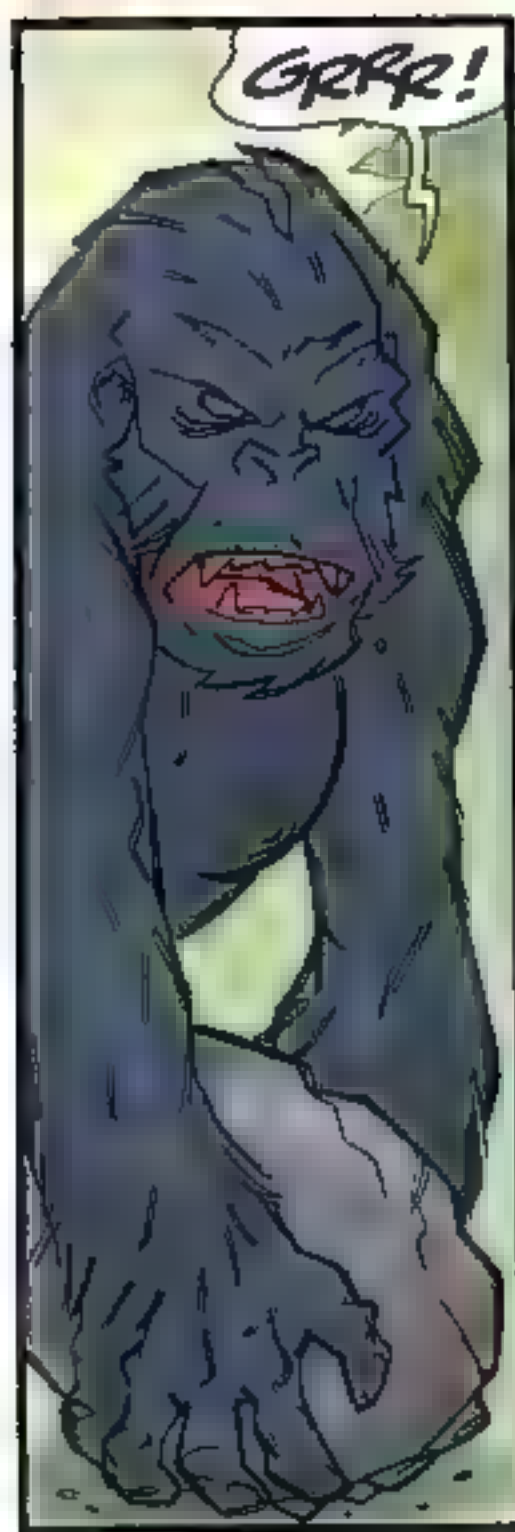
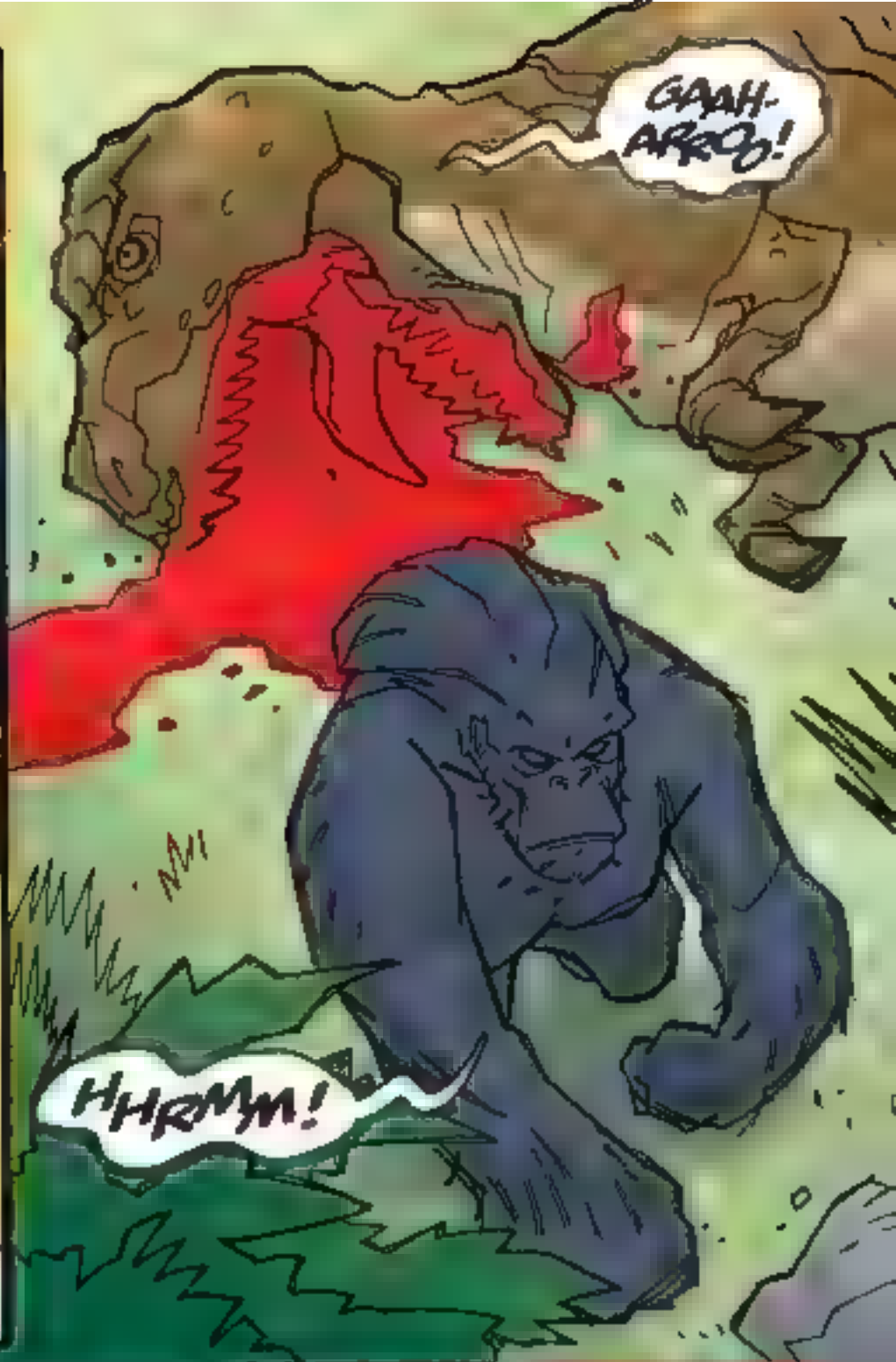
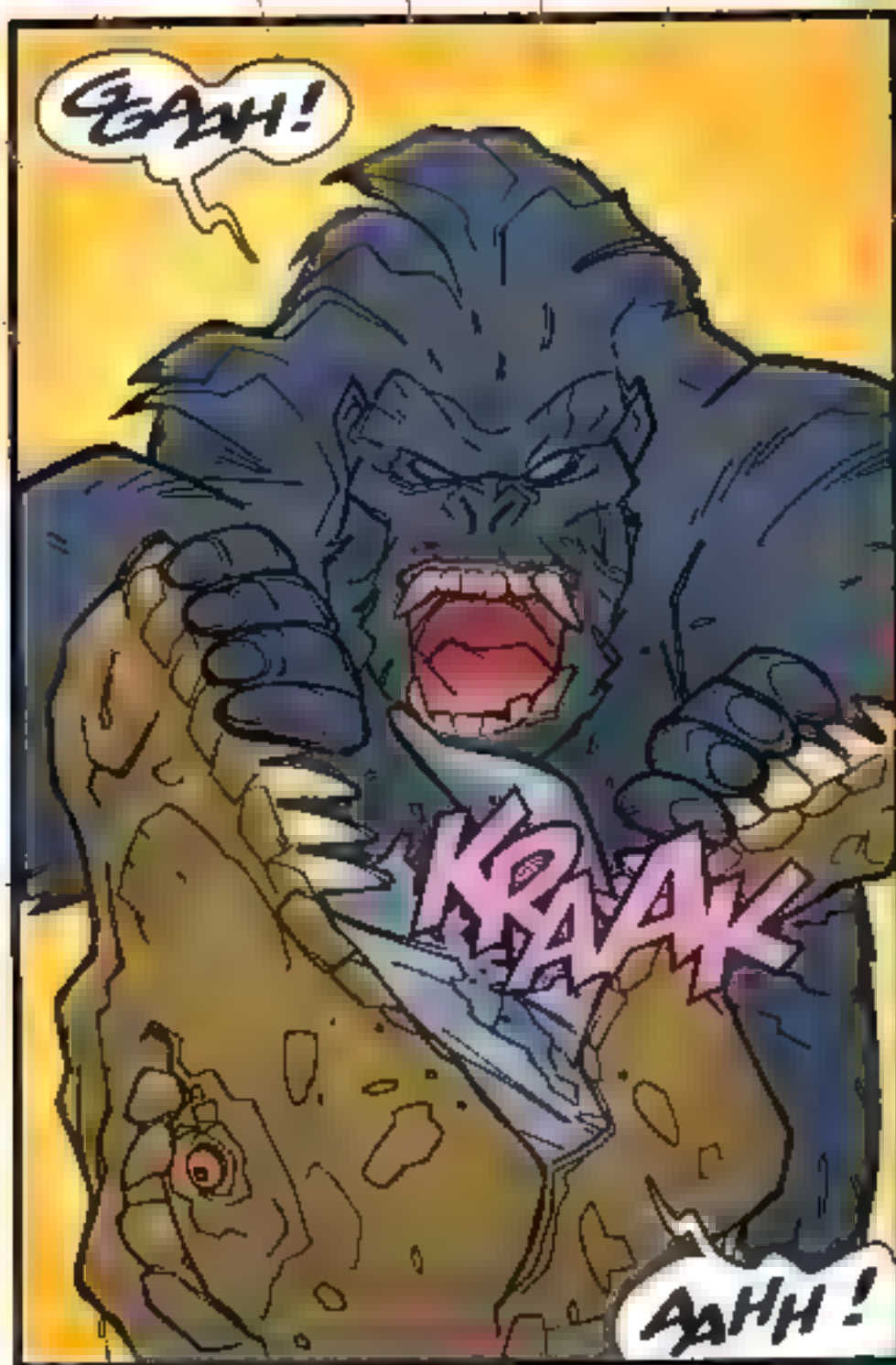
YOU
SHOULDA SEEN
IT SMASHIN' THOSE
SEA BUGS! WHAMM!
KRASH!

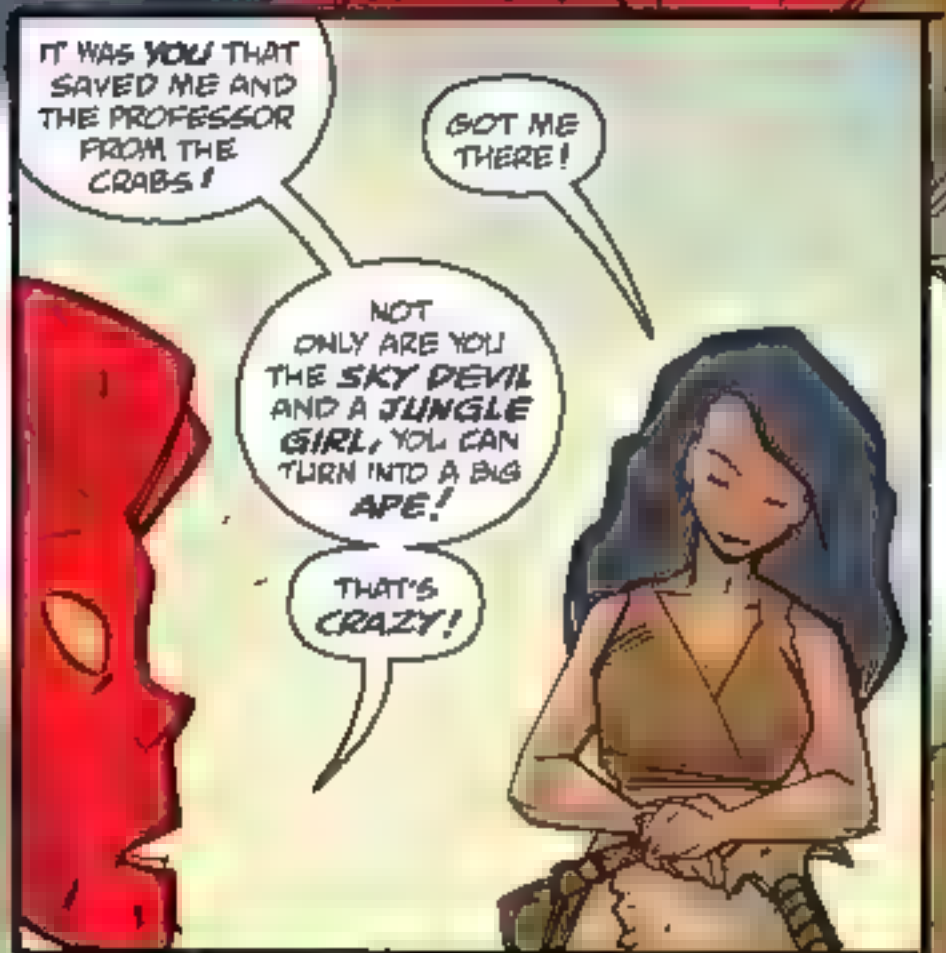
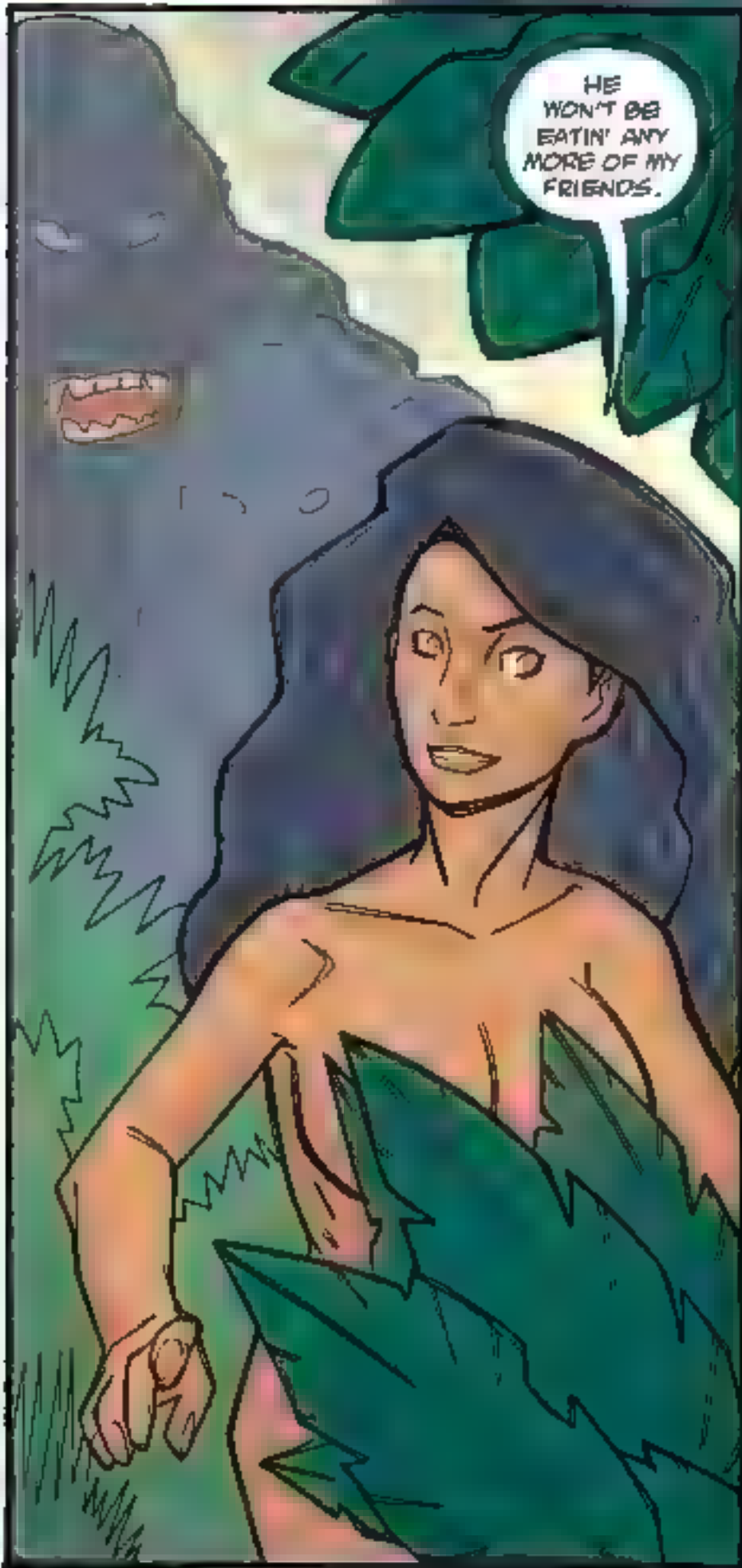
HOLD UP
A SEC











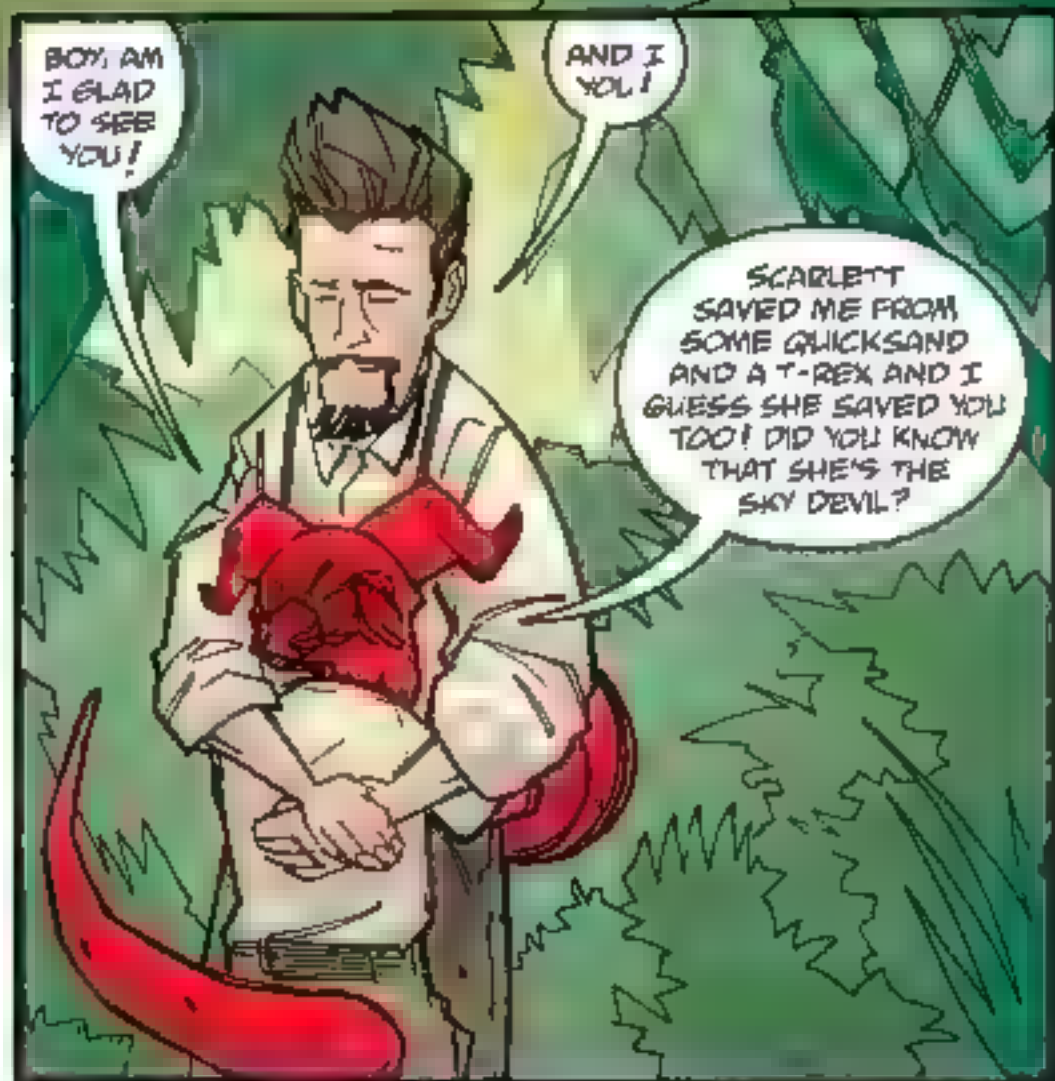


WELCOME
TO THE DHNAR
VILLAGE, MY HOME
AWAY FROM
HOME.

THERE'S
YOUR DAD
NOW WITH THE
CHIEF!



PROFESSOR!



BOY, AM
I GLAD
TO SEE
YOU!

AND I
YOU!

SCARLETT
SAVED ME FROM
SOME QUICKSAND
AND A T-REX AND I
GUESS SHE SAVED YOU
TOO! DID YOU KNOW
THAT SHE'S THE
SKY DEVIL?



JUST
HELPING
OUT WHEN
I CAN.

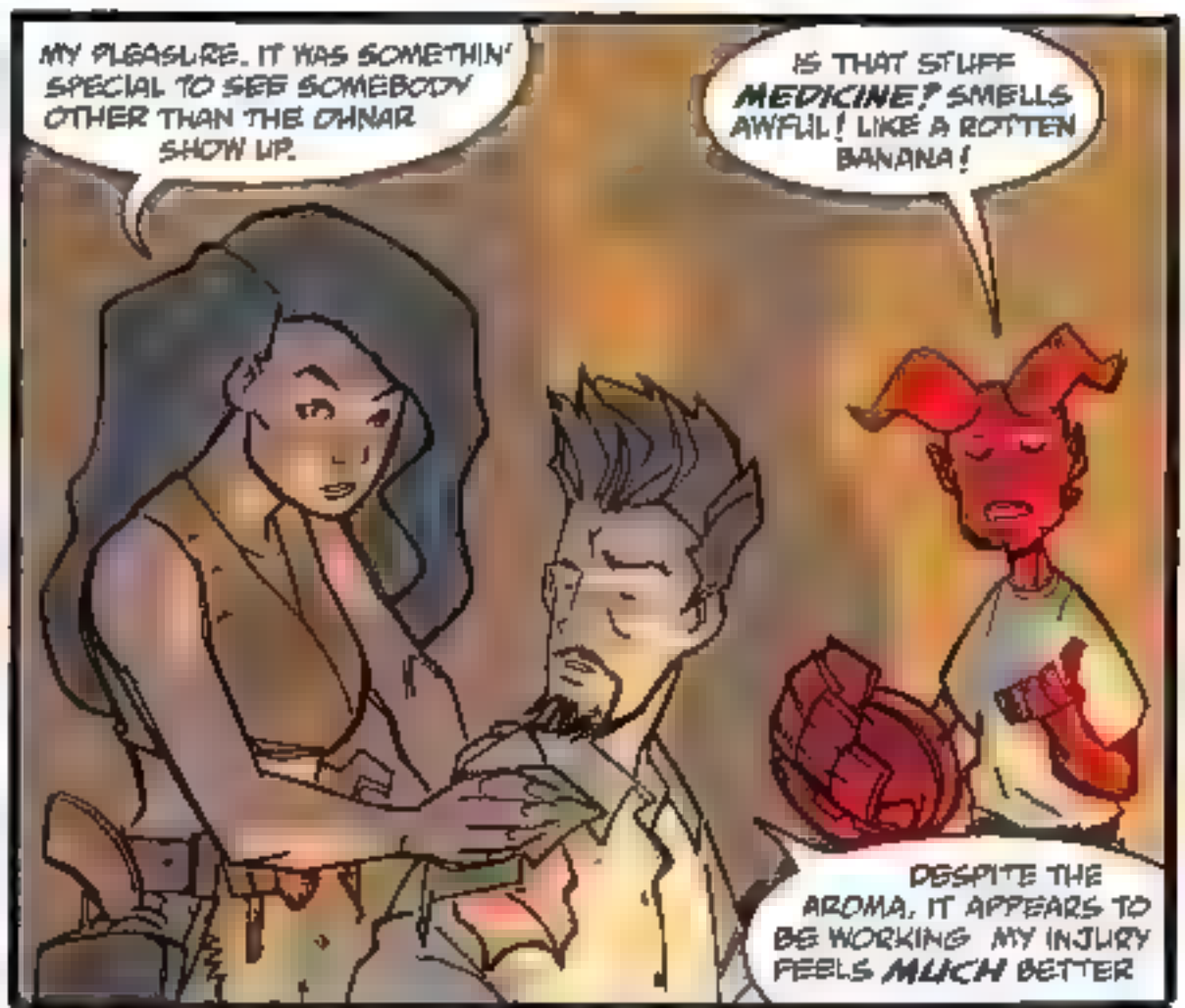
BADDAGO
UNK!

YEAH,
HE IS AN
ODD-LOOKIN'
LITTLE
FELLA.



AFTER
NIGHTFALL

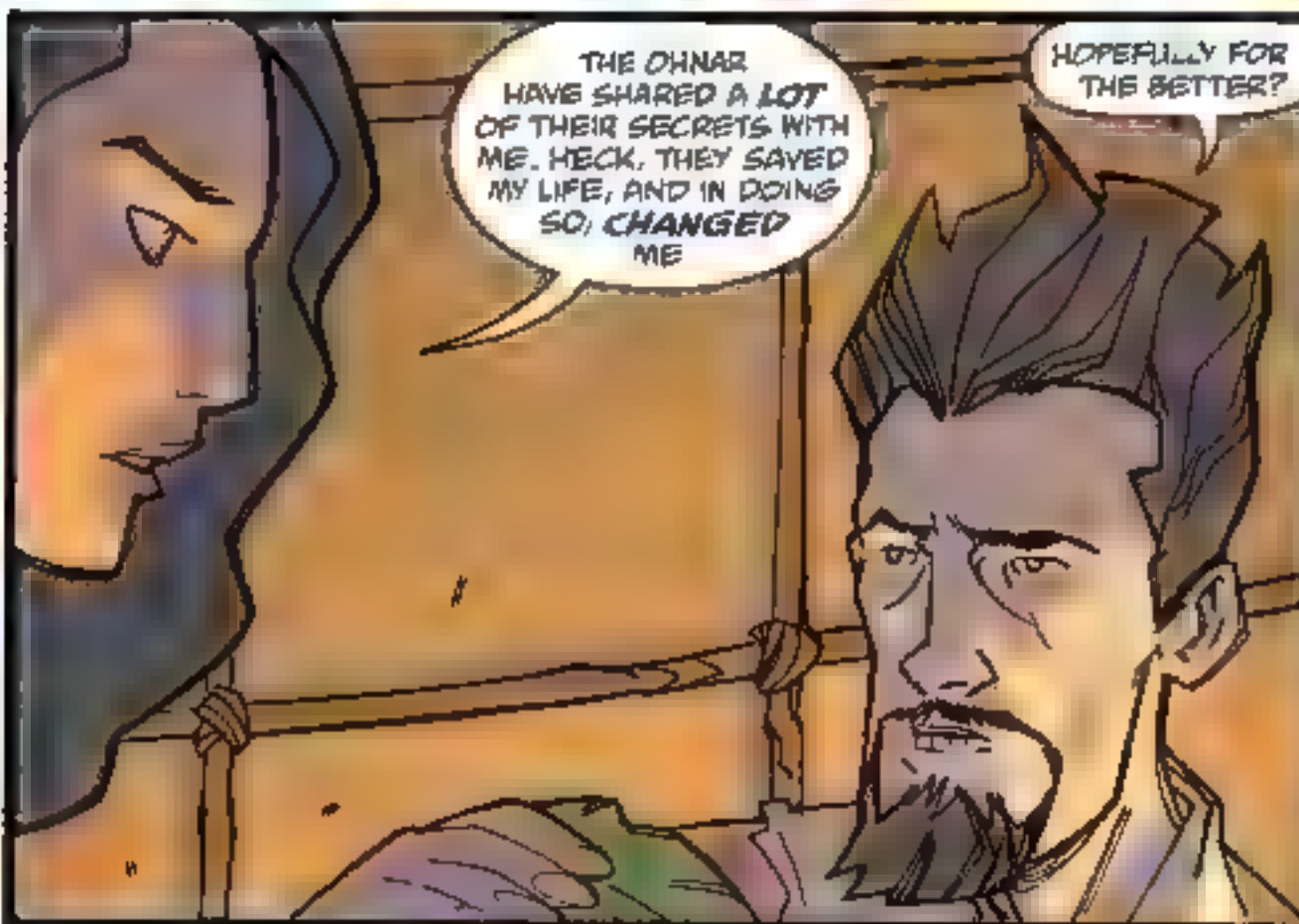
I CAN'T
THANK YOU
ENOUGH FOR
LOOKING OUT FOR
HIM--AND MYSELF,
FOR THAT
MATTER



MY PLEASURE. IT HAS SOMETHIN'
SPECIAL TO SEE SOMEBODY
OTHER THAN THE OHNAR
SHOW UP.

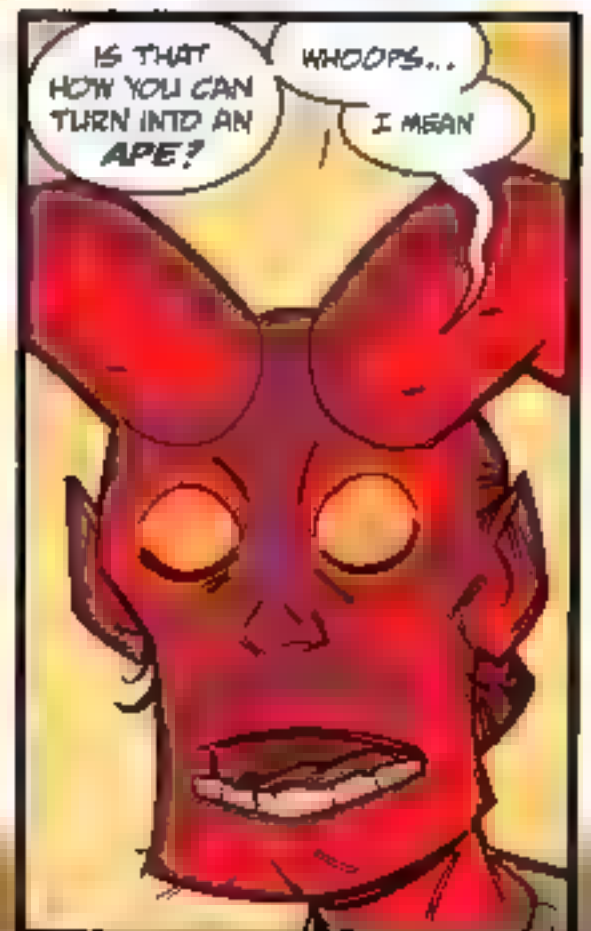
IS THAT STUFF
MEDICINE? SMELLS
AWFUL! LIKE A ROTTEN
BANANA!

DESPITE THE
AROMA, IT APPEARS TO
BE WORKING MY INJURY
FEELS **MUCH BETTER**



THE OHNAR
HAVE SHARED A LOT
OF THEIR SECRETS WITH
ME. HECK, THEY SAVED
MY LIFE, AND IN DOING
SO, **CHANGED**
ME

HOPEFULLY FOR
THE BETTER?



IS THAT
HOW YOU CAN
TURN INTO AN
APE?

WHOOOPS...
I MEAN

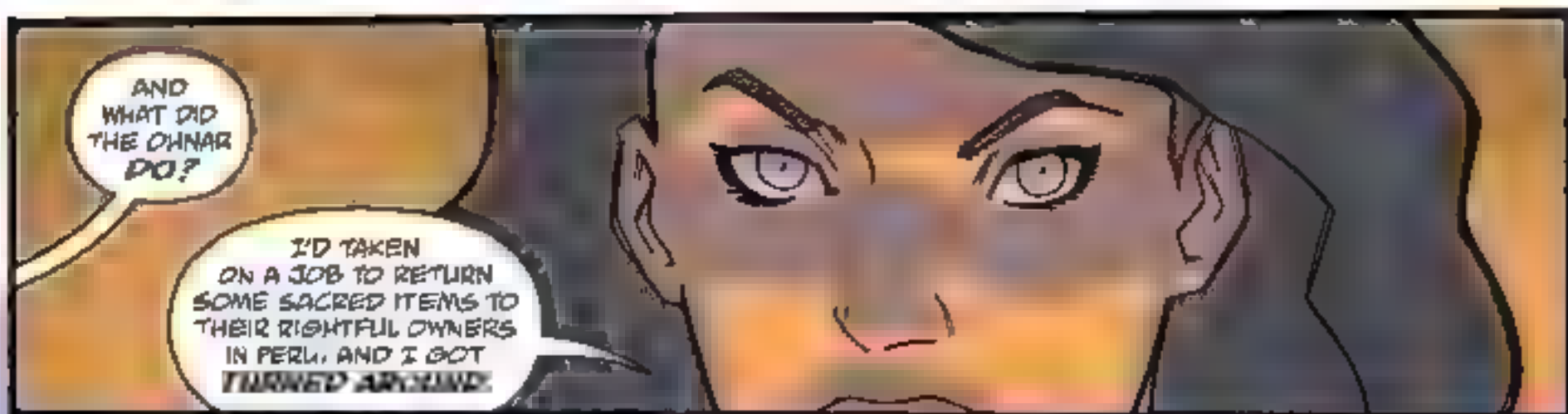


AWW,
CRAP I
SPILLED THE
BEANS.



IT'S QUITE ALL
RIGHT, MY BOY. I HAD MY
SUSPICIONS AFTER SEEING OUR
APE SAVIOR'S UNUSUAL COLORED
EYES, AND MEETING OUR
NEW FRIEND

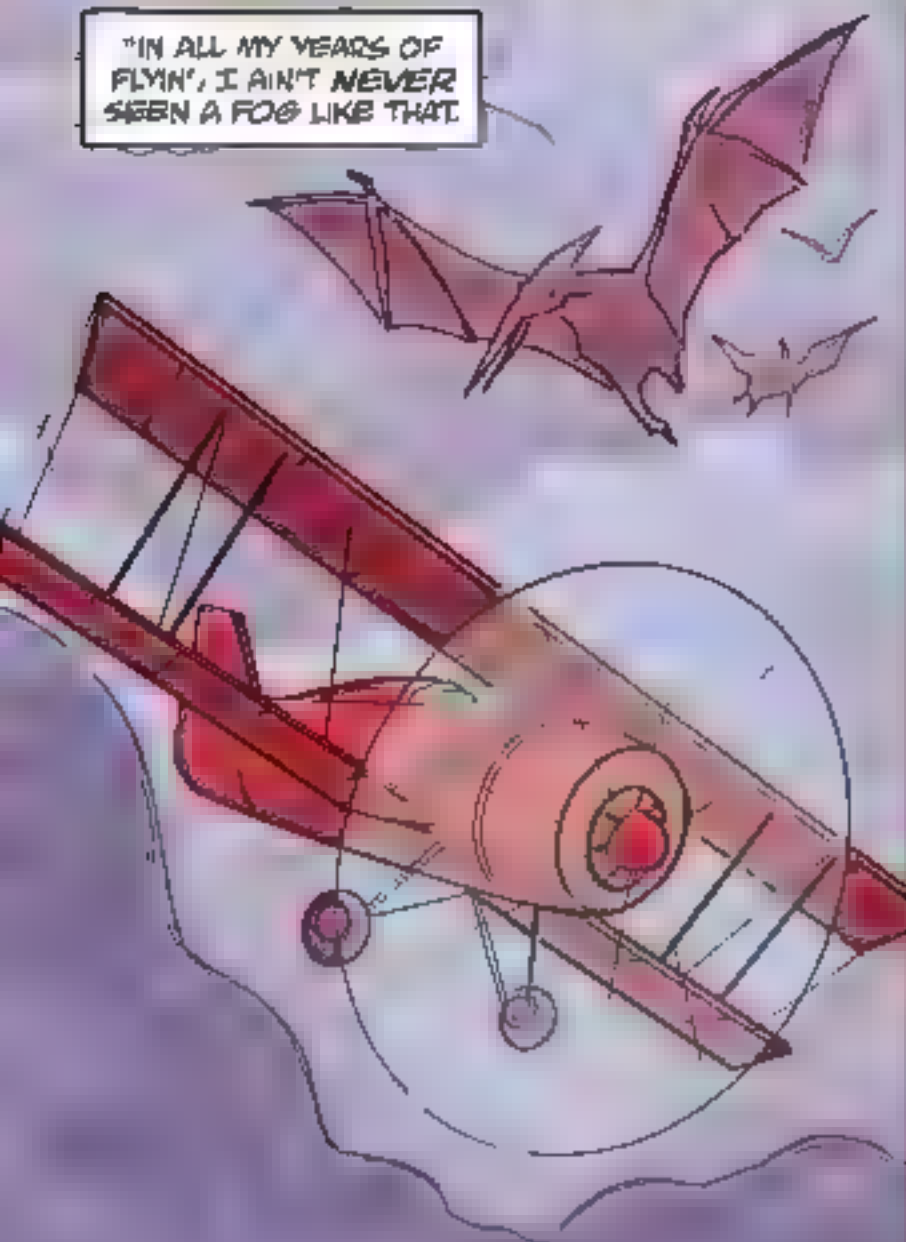
THEY
USE'TA BE
BROWN A
SIDE EFFECT
OF WHAT THE
OHNAR DONE
TO SAVE MY
LIFE.



AND
WHAT DID
THE OHNAR
DO?

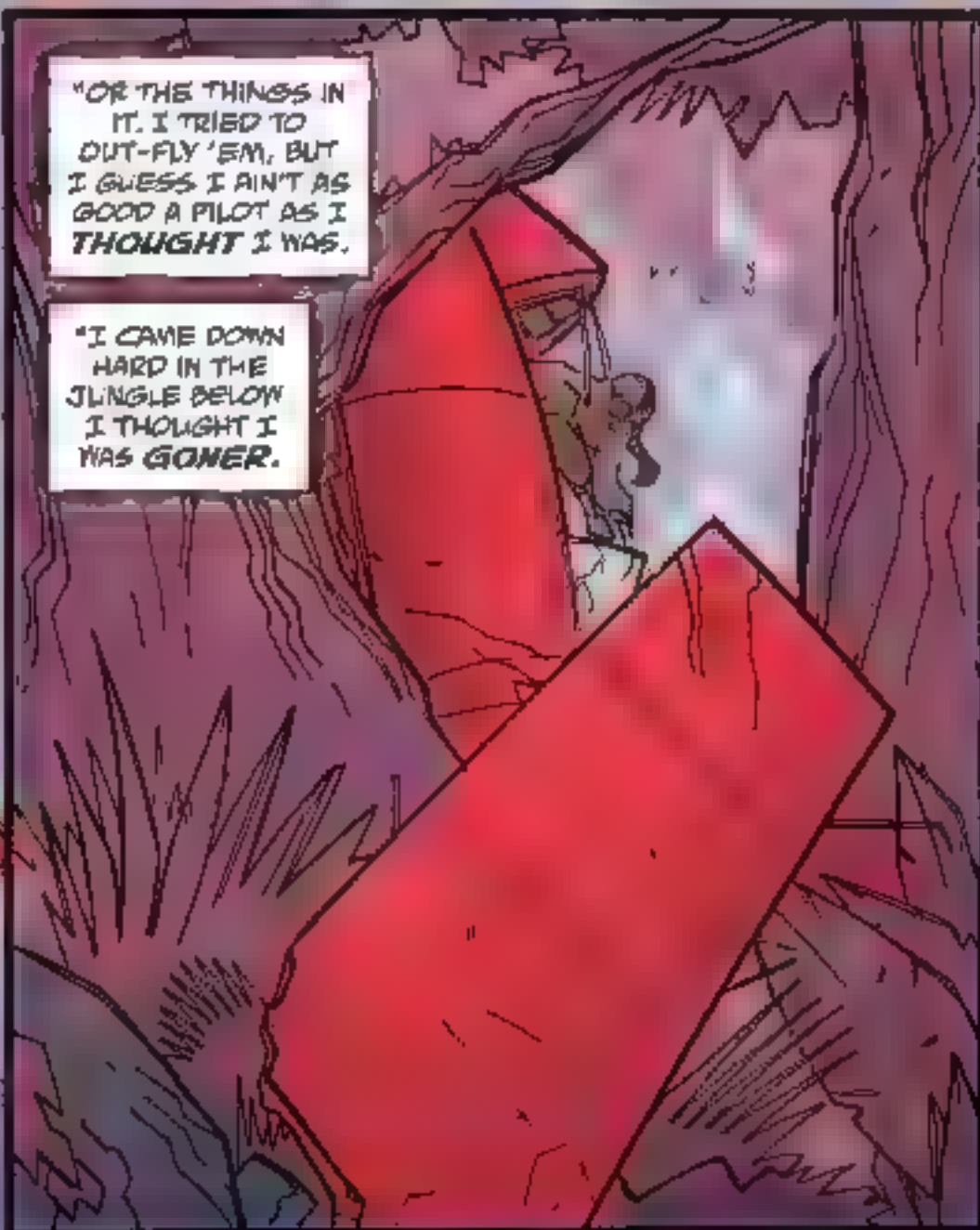
I'D TAKEN
ON A JOB TO RETURN
SOME SACRED ITEMS TO
THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS
IN PERU, AND I GOT
TURNED AROUND.

"IN ALL MY YEARS OF
FLYIN', I AIN'T NEVER
SEEN A FOG LIKE THAT.



"OR THE THINGS IN
IT. I TRIED TO
OUT-FLY 'EM, BUT
I GUESS I AIN'T AS
GOOD A PILOT AS I
THOUGHT I WAS.

"I CAME DOWN
HARD IN THE
JUNGLE BELOW
I THOUGHT I
WAS **GONER.**



"AND I **WOULD'A**
BEEN, IF THE OHNAR
HADN'T BEEN WATCHIN'
THEY FOUND ME
BUSTED UP IN A TREE.



"MUST'A SEEN
SOMETHIN' THEY
BELIEVED WAS
WORTH **SAVIN'.**"



"WHAT HAPPENED NEXT AIN'T SO CLEAR, BUT I KNOW THEY PULLED ME FROM THE WRECK, AND BROUGHT ME TO A HOLY PLACE...



"...WHERE THE OHNAR SHAMAN PERFORMED SOME SORT'A SACRED RITUAL

"FROM WHAT I'VE GATHERED SINCE, THE OHNAR HAVE ALWAYS HAD A PROTECTOR

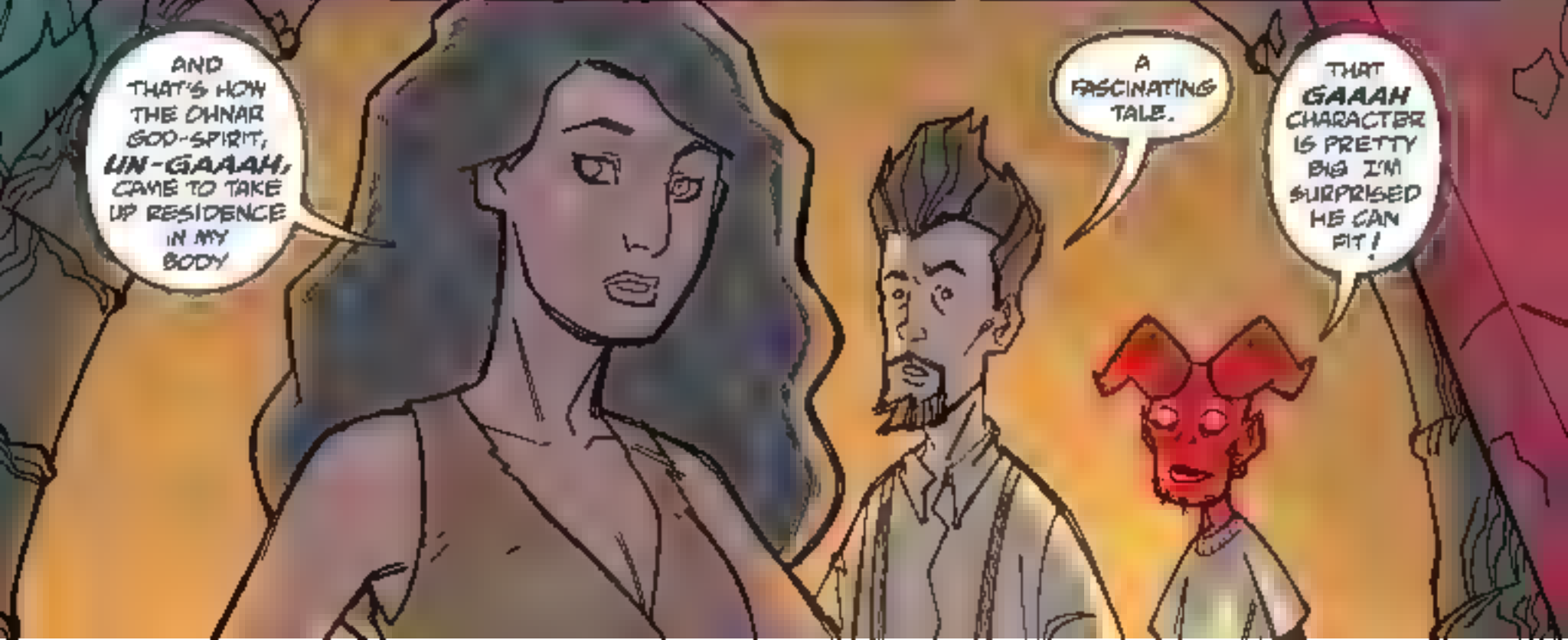


"AND IN ORDER FOR THEM TO HAVE THIS PROTECTOR ITS SPIRIT MUST BE BONDED TO SOMEBODY WORTHY--SOMEBODY SPECIAL.



"GUESS I WAS MORE UNIQUE THAN I THOUGHT I WAS. THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT, OR I'D BE DEAD.

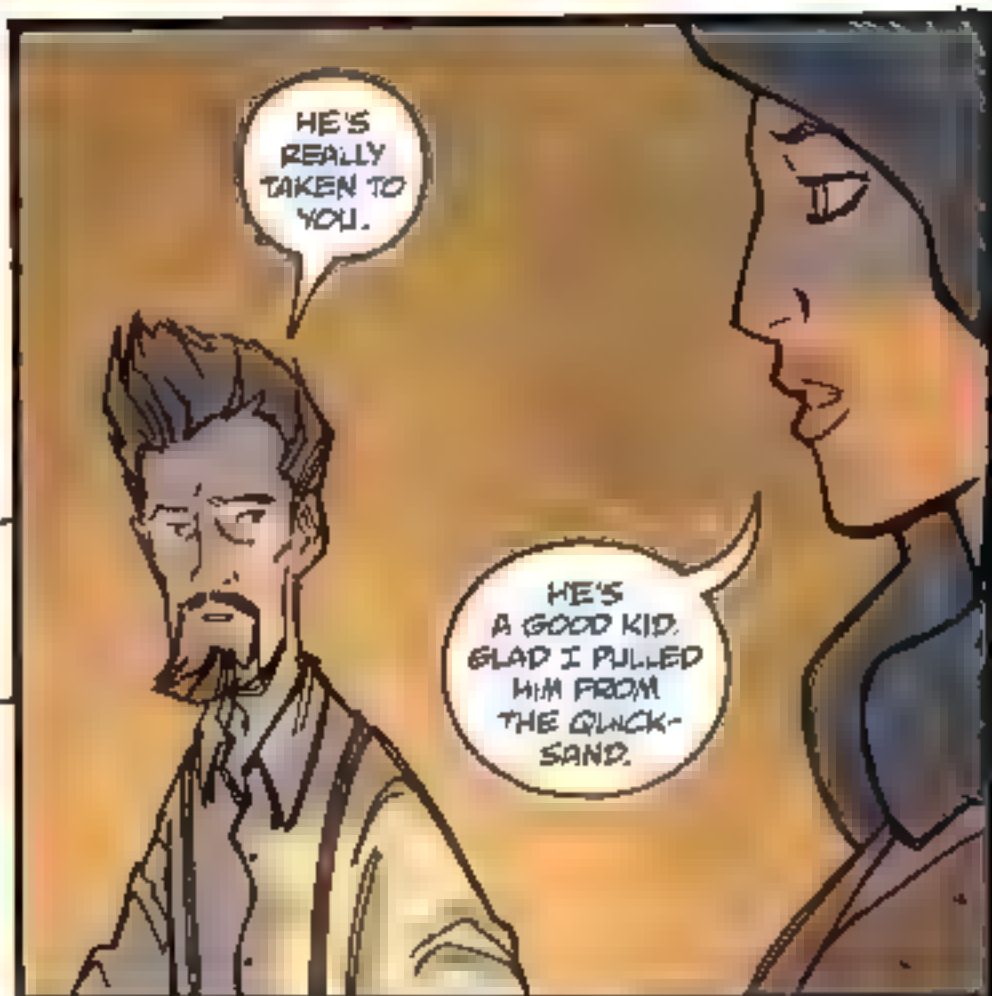
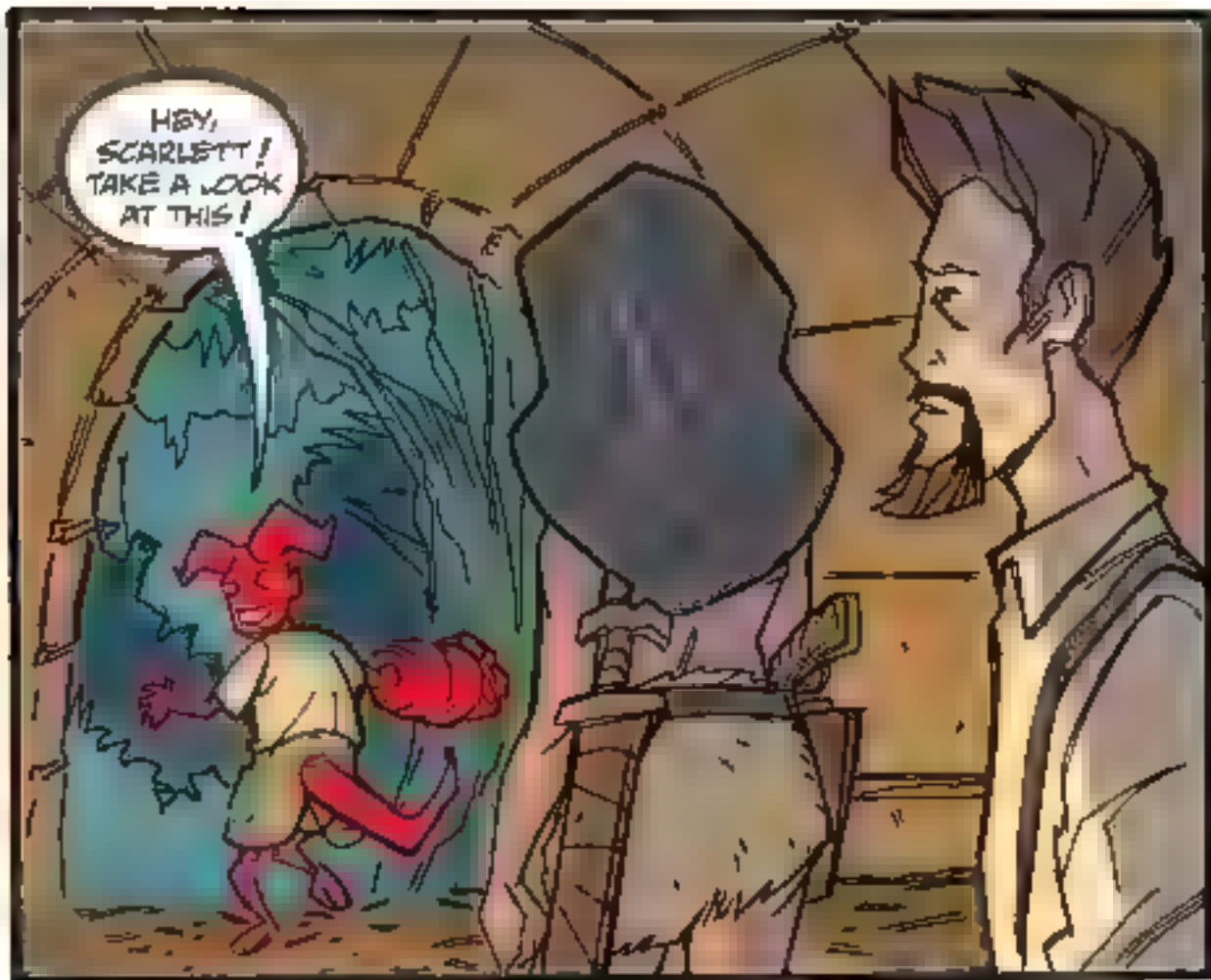
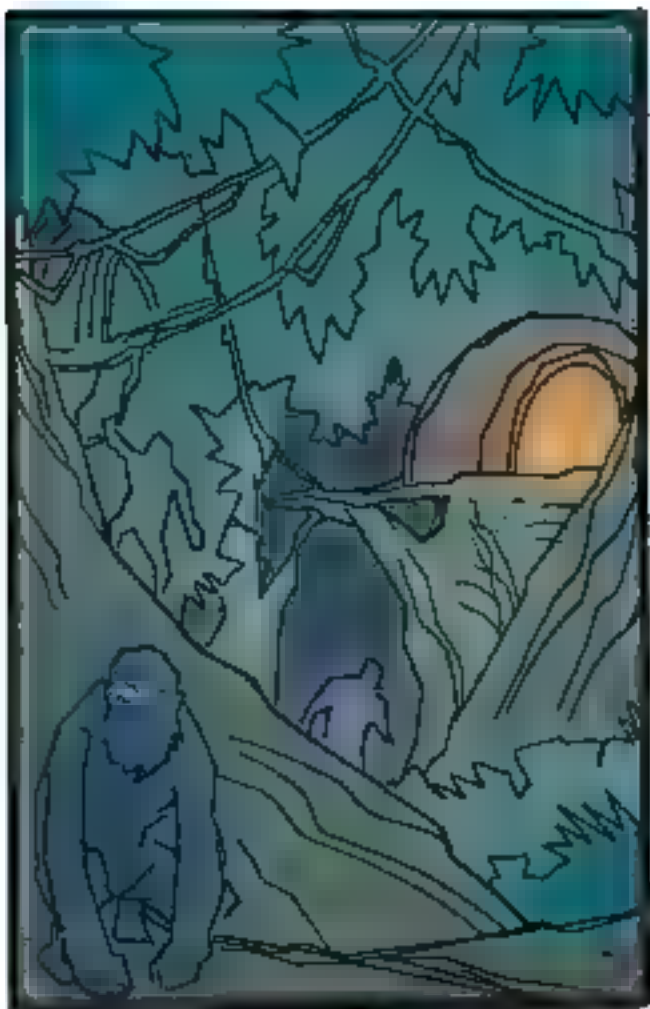
"AIN'T LIKE NOTHIN' I'VE EVER FELT BEFORE. EQUAL PARTS TERROR--AND NEVER FEELIN' MORE ALIVE!"



AND THAT'S HOW THE OHNAR GOD-SPIRIT, UN-GAAAH, CAME TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN MY BODY

A FASCINATING TALE.

THAT GAAAH CHARACTER IS PRETTY BIG I'M SURPRISED HE CAN FIT!





AND I MUST ADMIT, MY CURIOSITY IS GROWING BY THE MINUTE.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT CURIOSITY, PROFESSOR!



I DO, BUT I BELIEVE THAT FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THIS PLACE MIGHT VERY WELL PROVIDE US WITH A MEANS OFF THIS ISLAND



AND GIVEN THAT THE TEMPLE IS THE ONLY STRUCTURE THAT SHOWS SIGNS OF A CIVILIZATION FROM BEFORE THE APE TRIBE, I WOULD LIKE TO START THERE

I KNEW WE'D END UP HERE. THE DHNAR DON'T LIKE ANYBODY SNIFFIN' AROUND THAT PLACE. THEY SAY IT'S BAD MAGIC, ANCIENT EVIL.

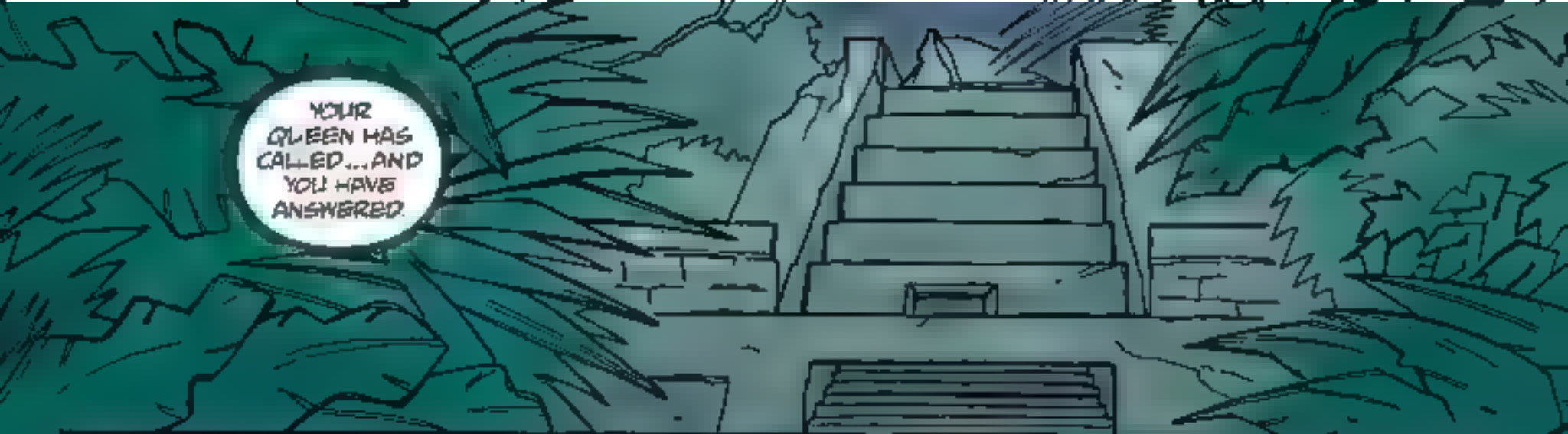


BUT IF THERE'S EVEN THE **SLIGHTEST** CHANCE A YOU AND HELLBOY FINDIN' A WAY HOME, HOW CAN I SAY NOT

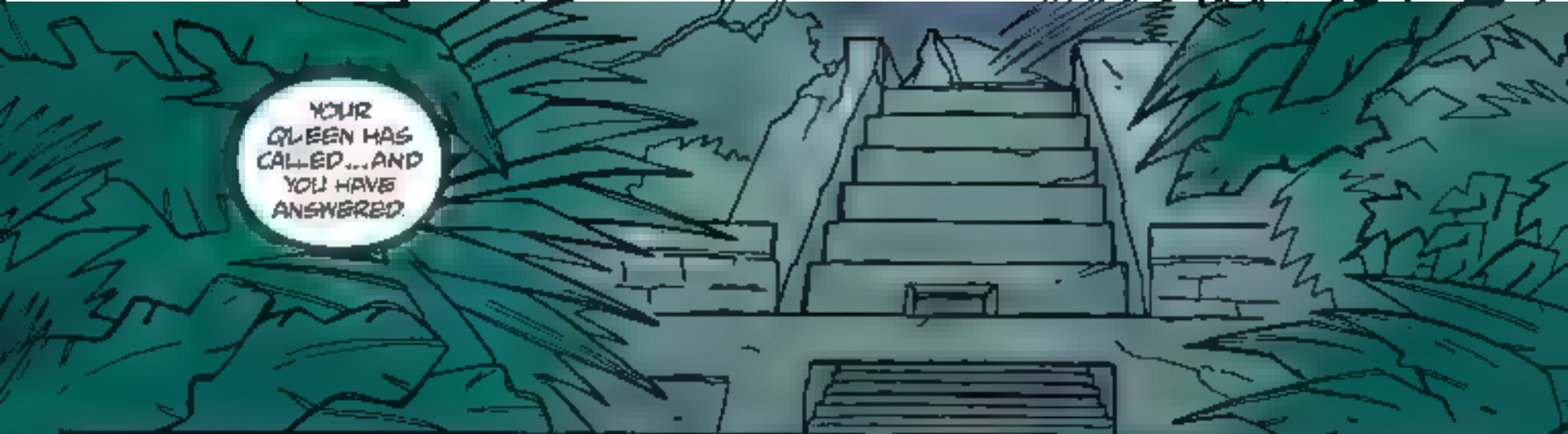
THANK YOU, SCARLETT. AND I PROMISE THE FIRST SIGN OF ANY DANGER, I'LL LEAVE AT ONCE!



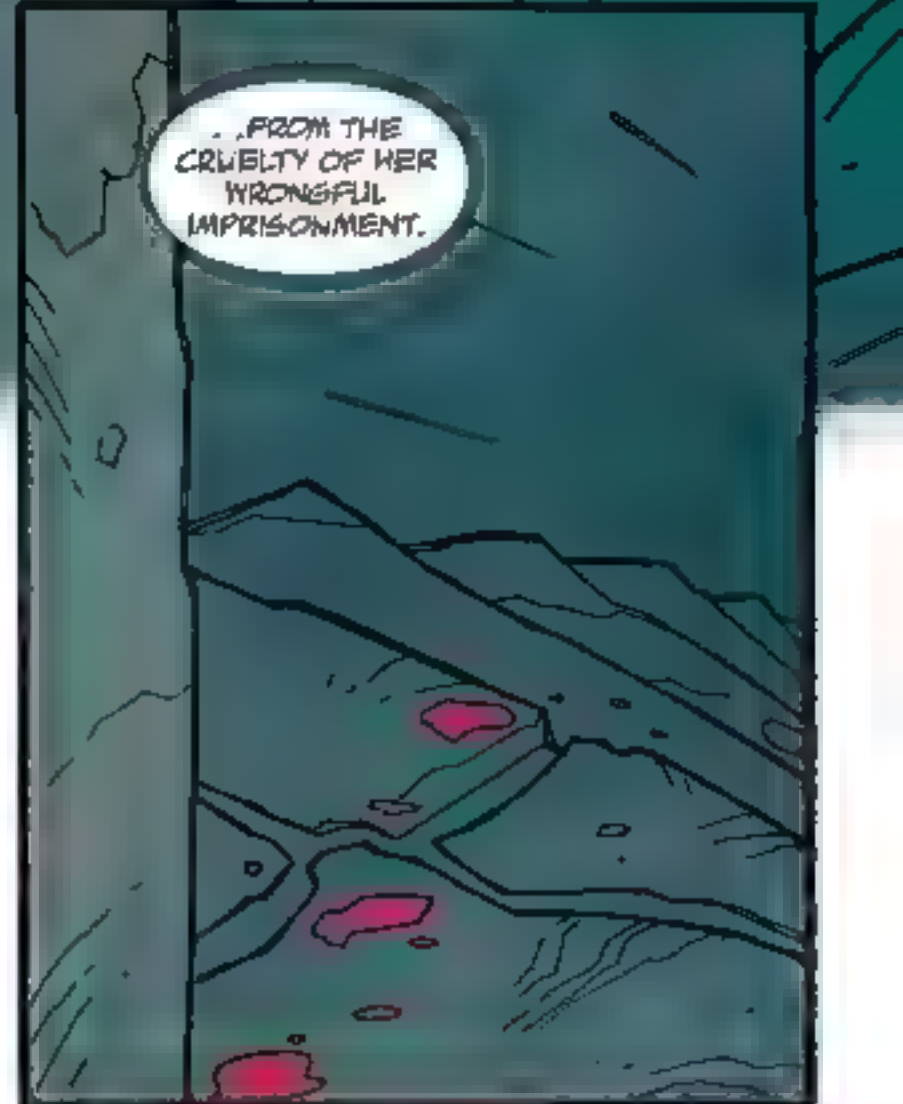
"WE'LL LEAVE AT ONCE YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WAS GOIN' EXPLORIN' WITHOUT THE ISLAND'S PROTECTOR DID YA?"



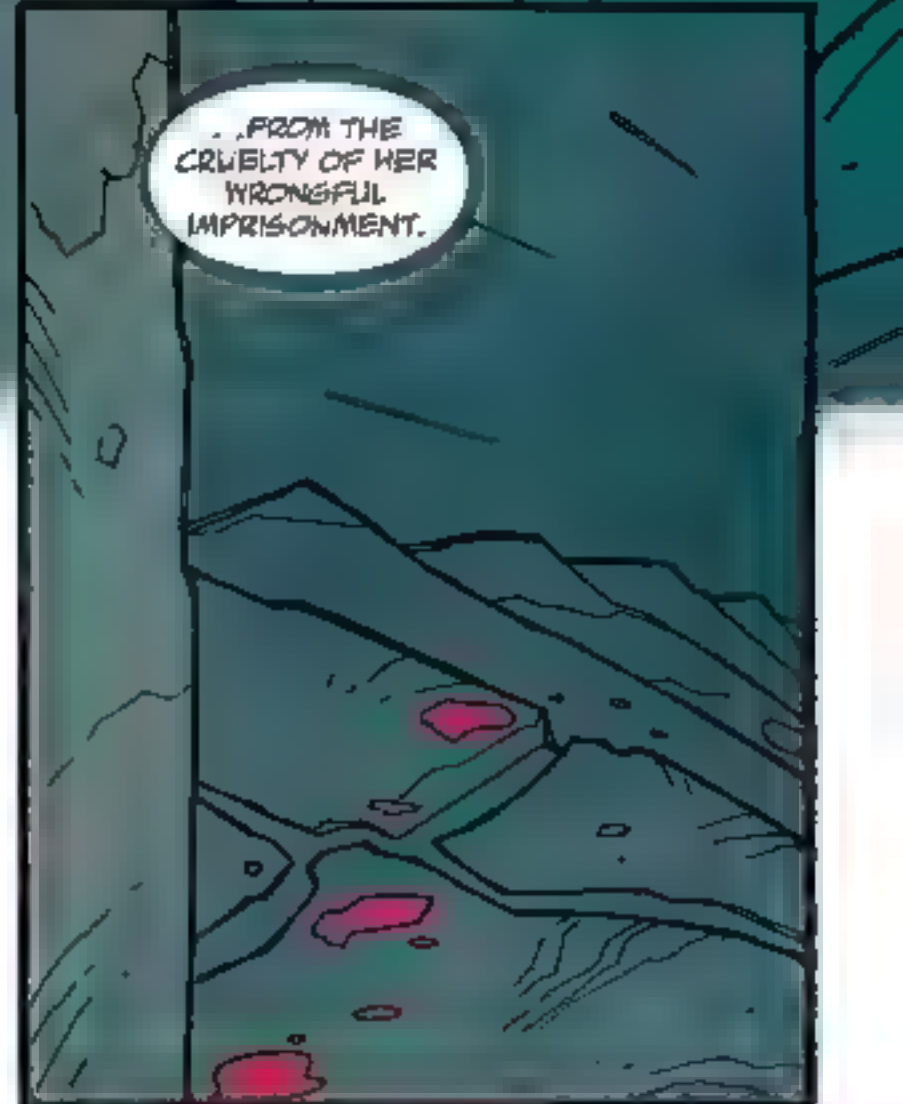
YOUR
QUEEN HAS
CALLED...AND
YOU HAVE
ANSWERED.



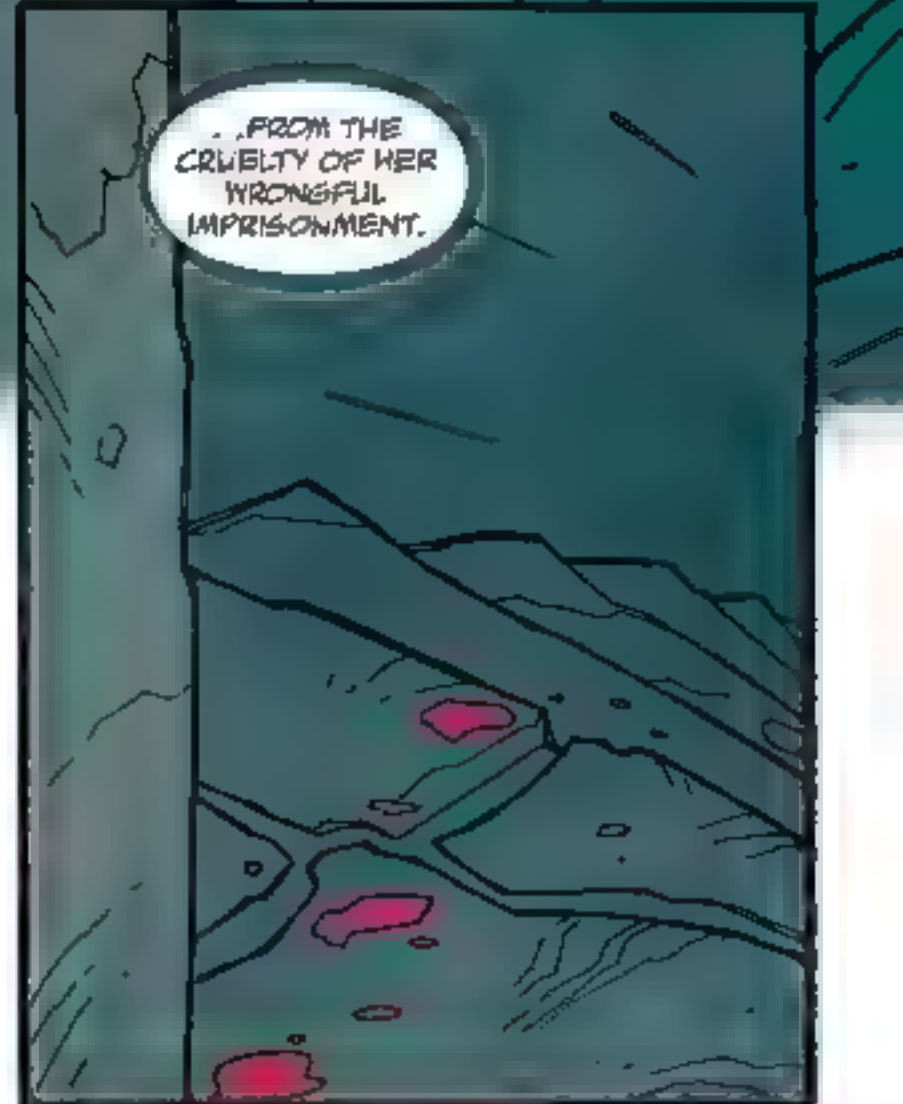
A LOYAL
SERVANT
WITH THE
MEANS
TO SET HIS
MISTRESS
FREE ..



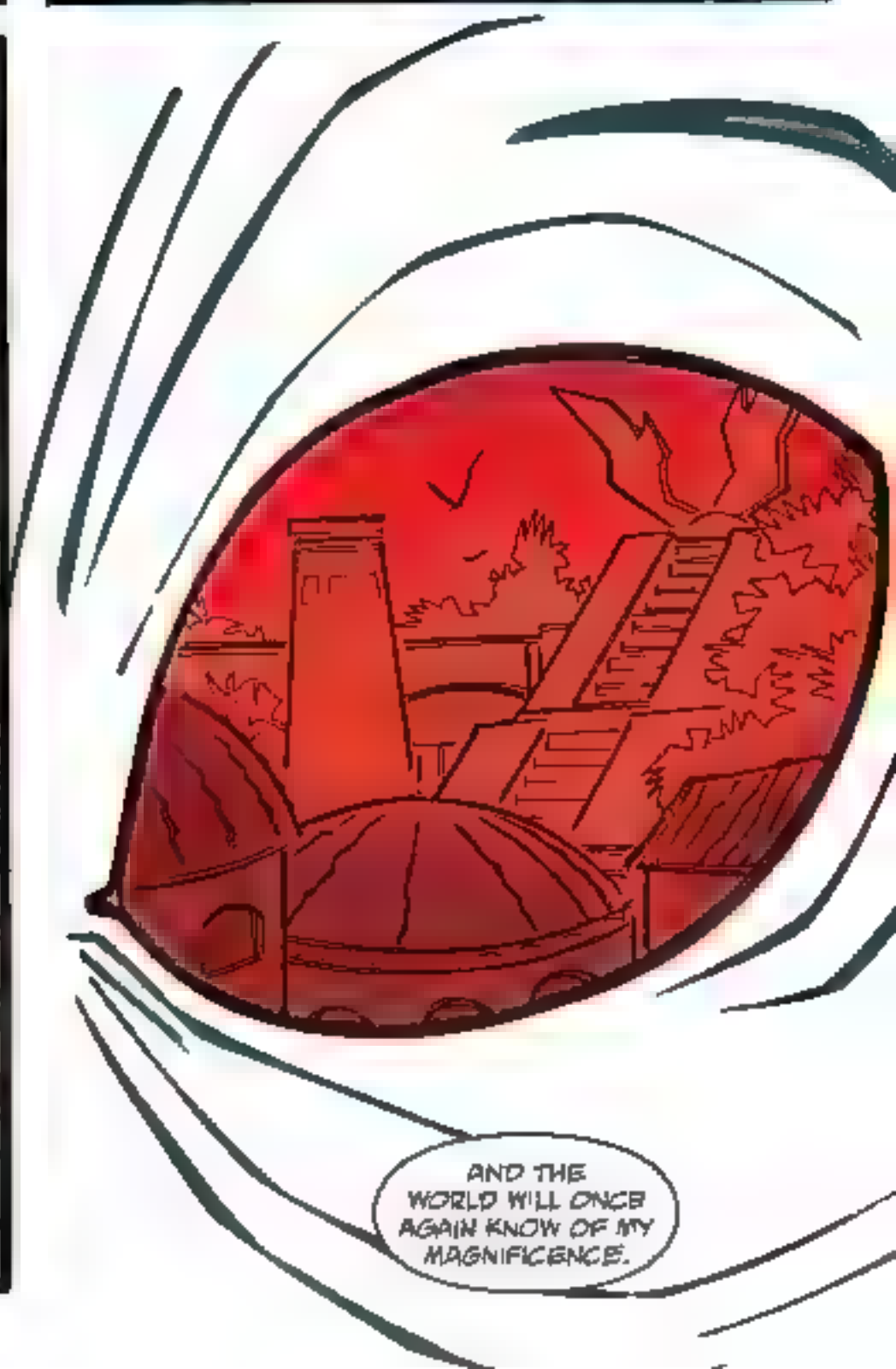
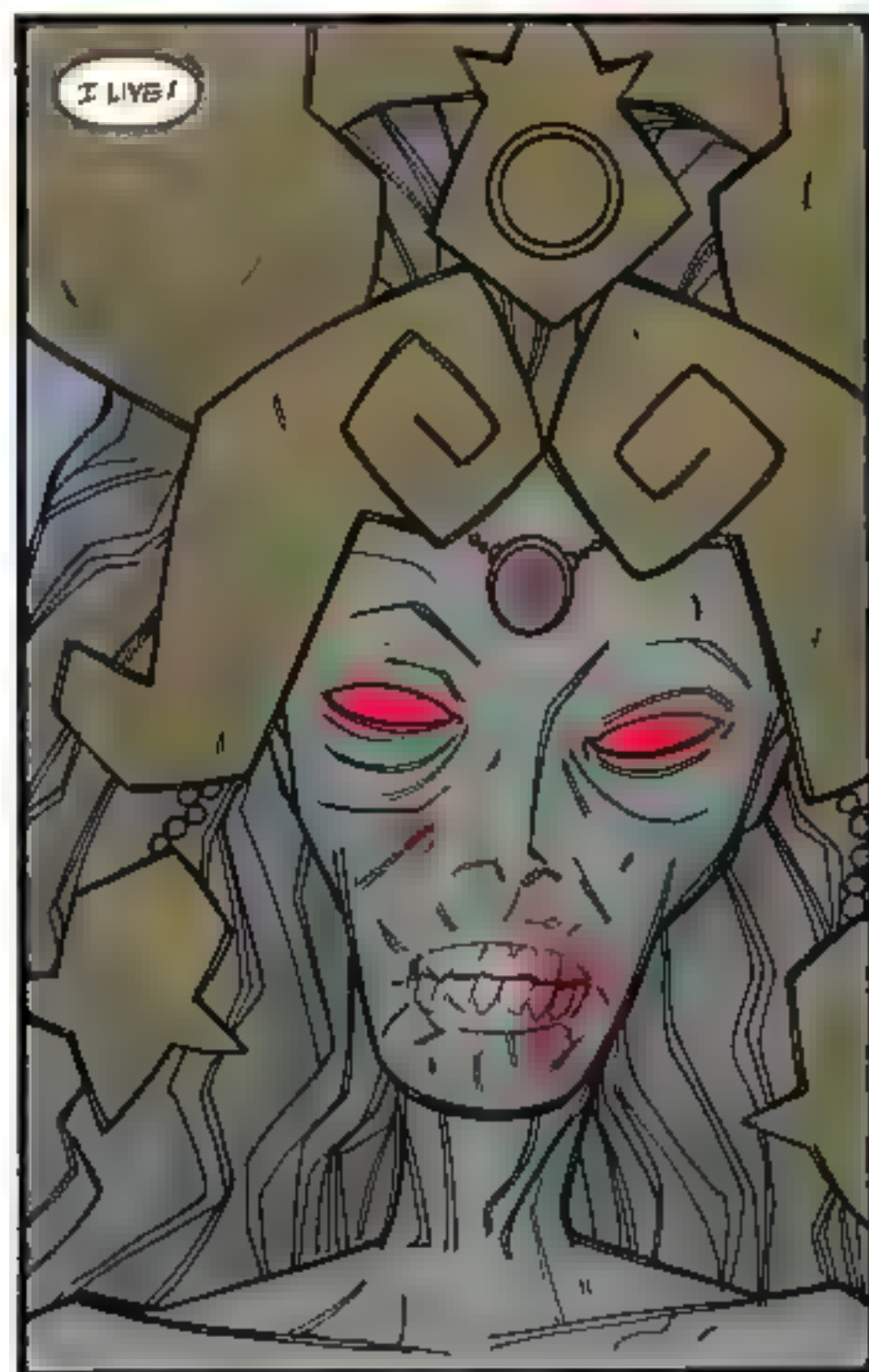
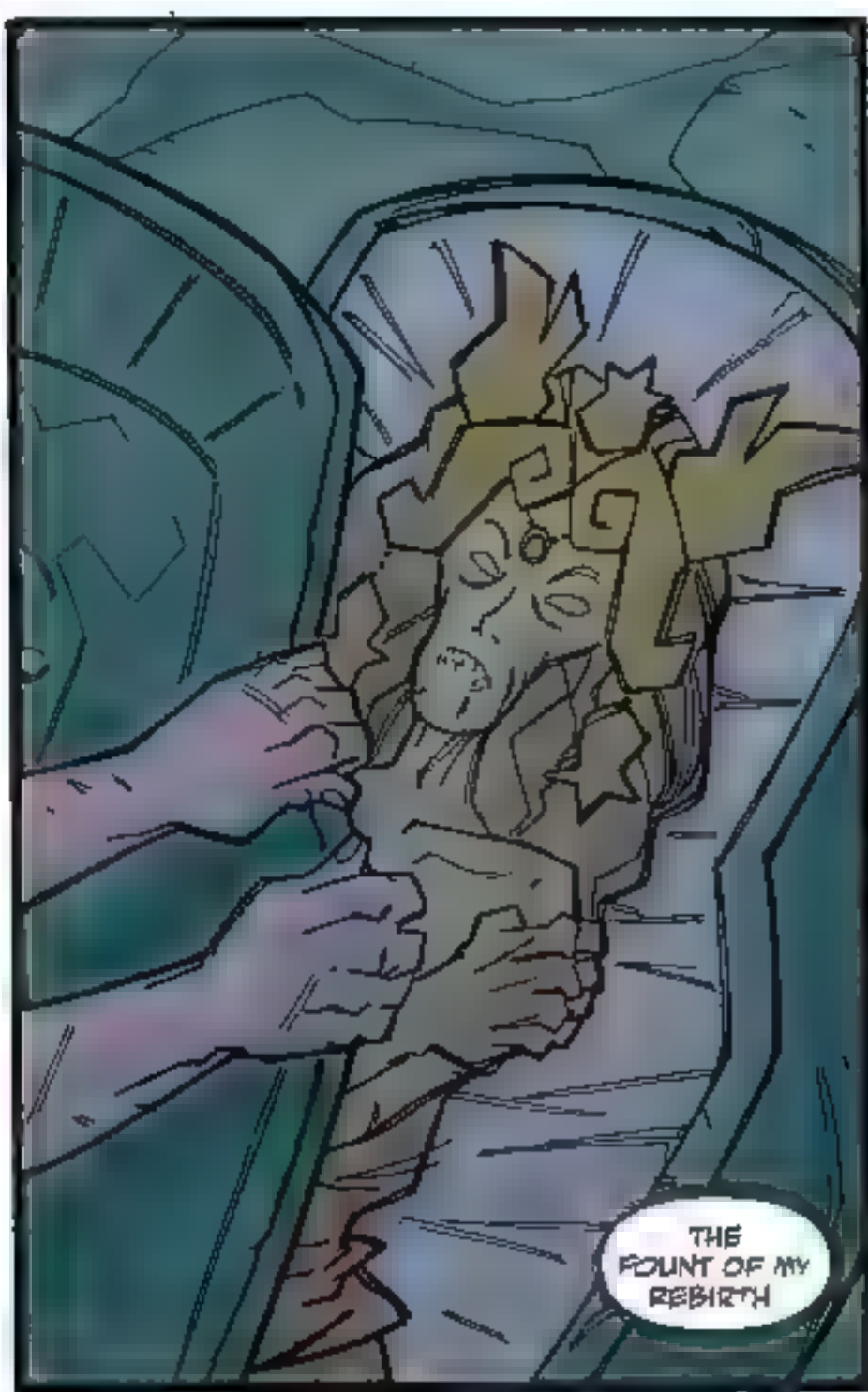
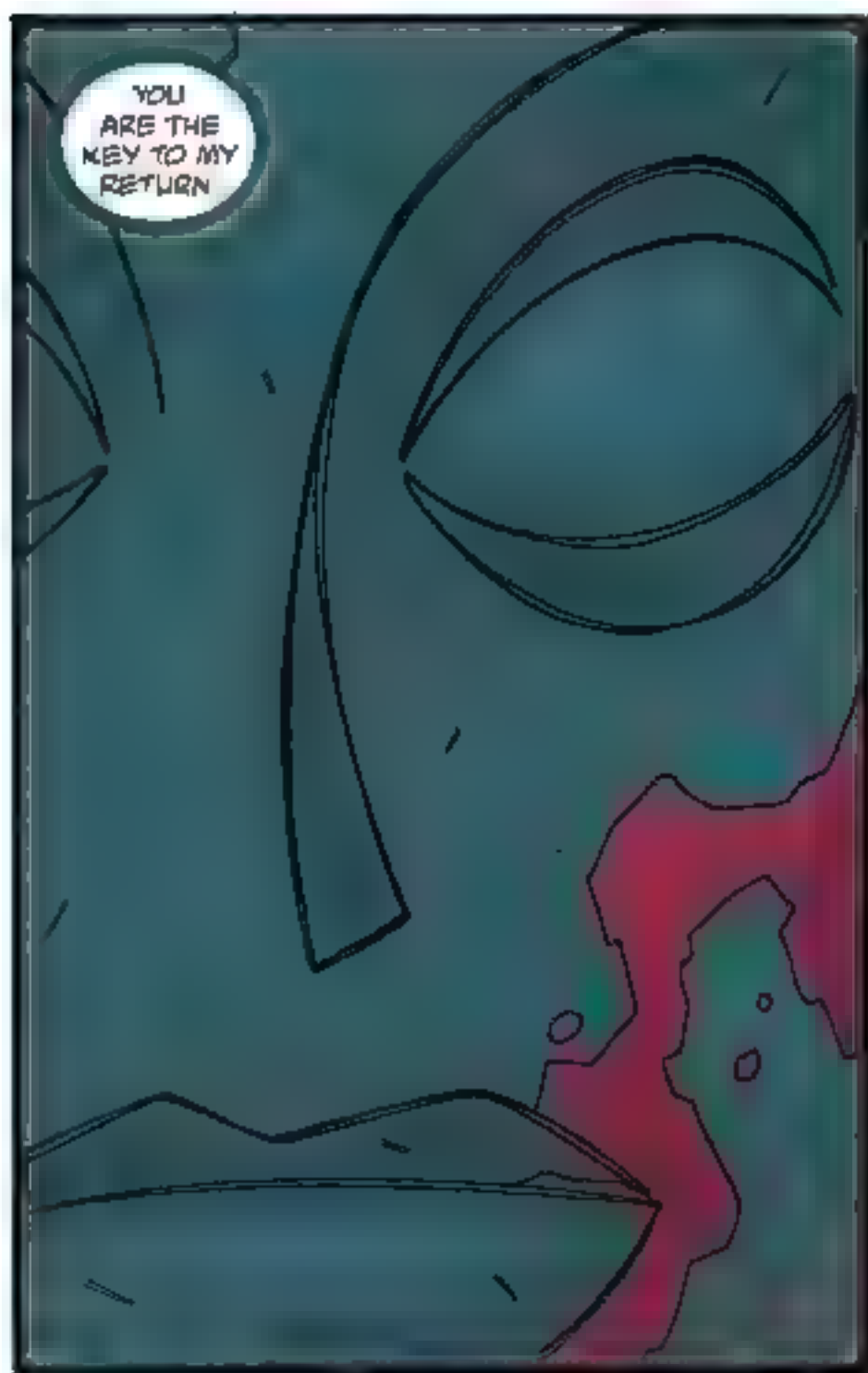
..FROM THE
CRUELTY OF HER
WRONGFUL
IMPRISONMENT.

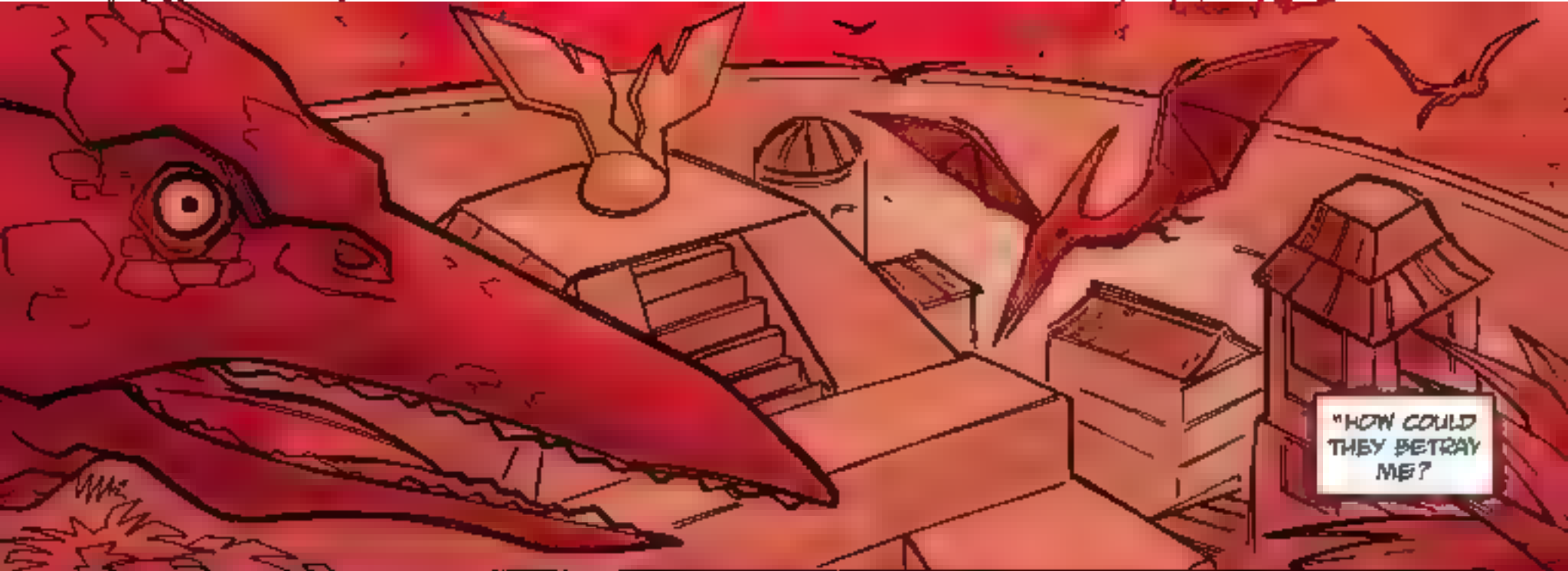


FOR
COUNTLESS
AGES I HAVE
WAITED ..

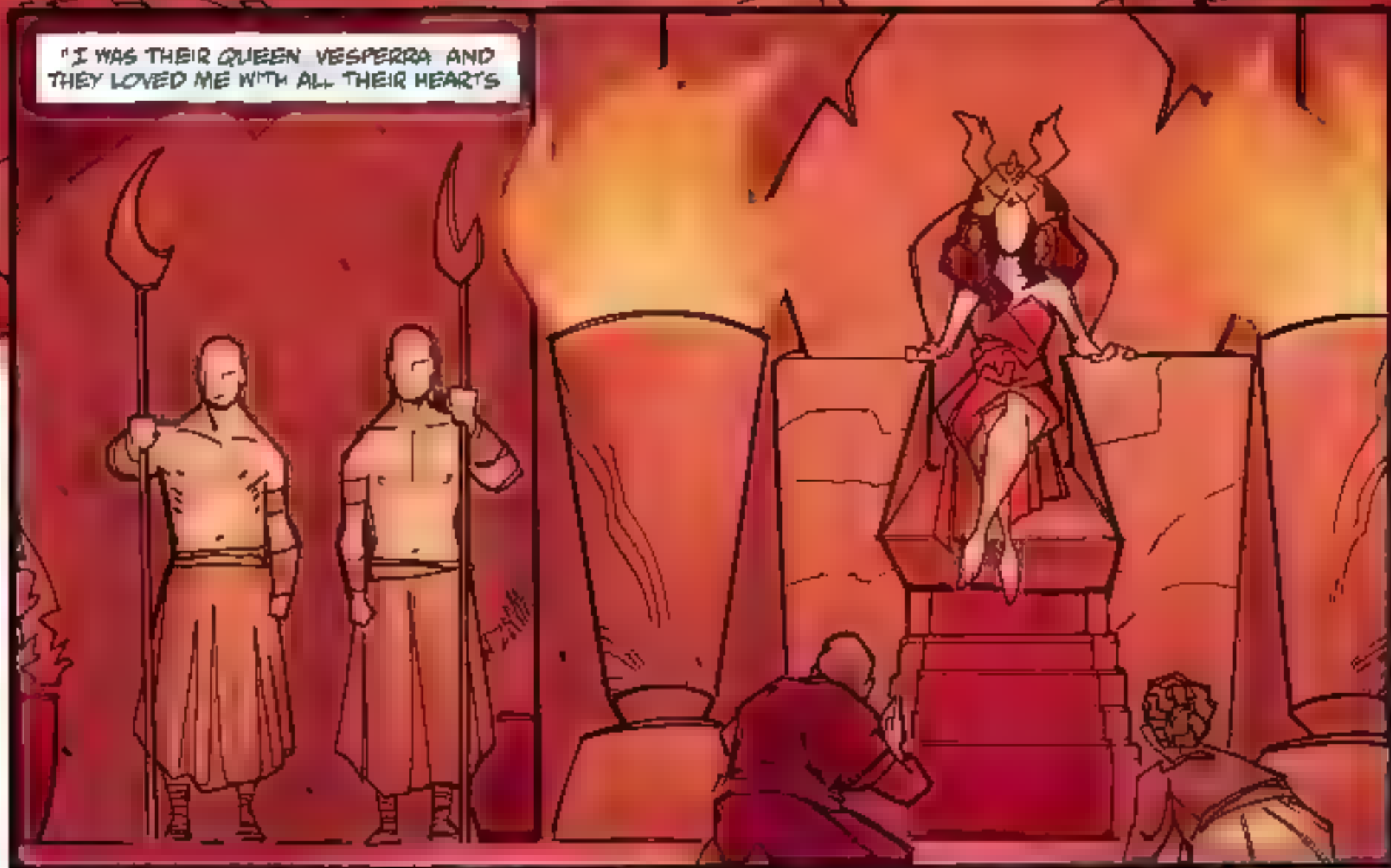


.. FOR ONE
SUCH AS YOU TO
HEAR MY CALL.





"HOW COULD
THEY BETRAY
ME?"



"I WAS THEIR QUEEN VESPERA AND
THEY LOVED ME WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS

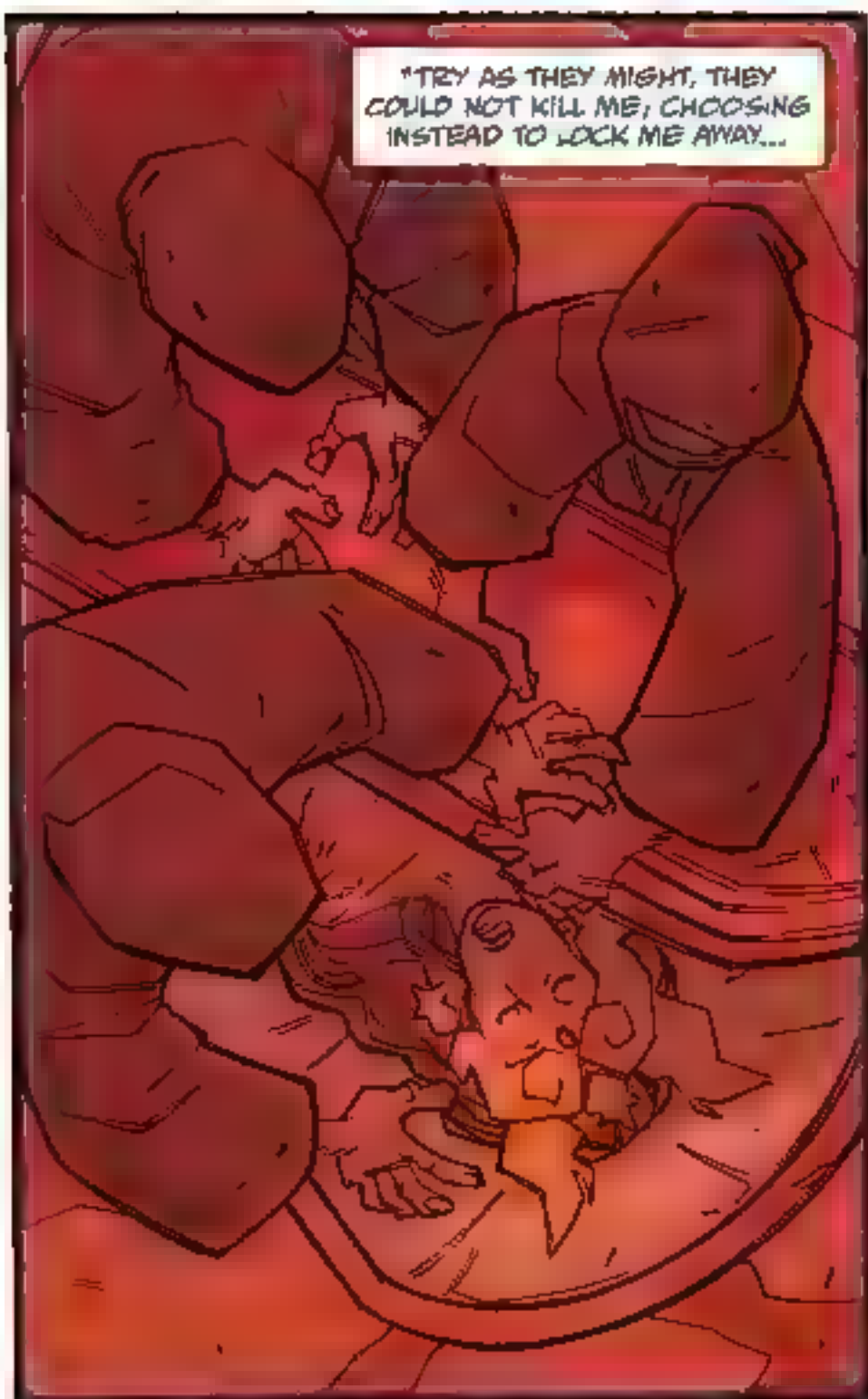


"BLINDED BY THE INTENSITY OF MY
SUBJECTS' LOVE, I DID NOT SEE THE
TREACHERY AS IT GREW. THERE WERE
THOSE JEALOUS OF THEIR ADORATION.

"AND THEY
SCHEMED
AGAINST
ME."



"THEY POISONED MY
DRINK IN THEIR BETRAYAL,
AND EXECUTED THOSE
MOST LOYAL TO ME."



"TRY AS THEY MIGHT, THEY
COULD NOT KILL ME, CHOOSING
INSTEAD TO LOCK ME AWAY..."



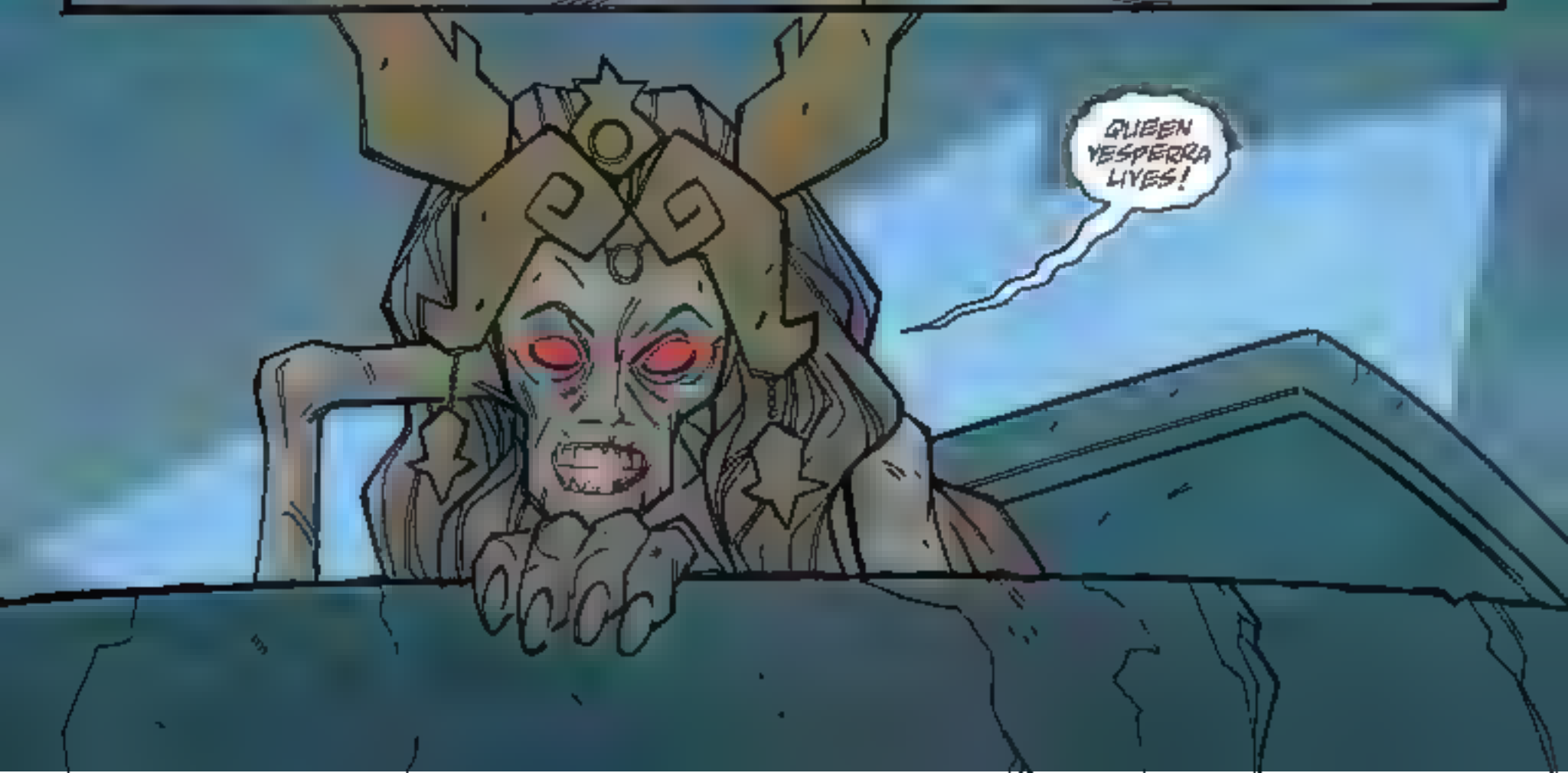
"...DEPRIVING
MY KINGDOM..."



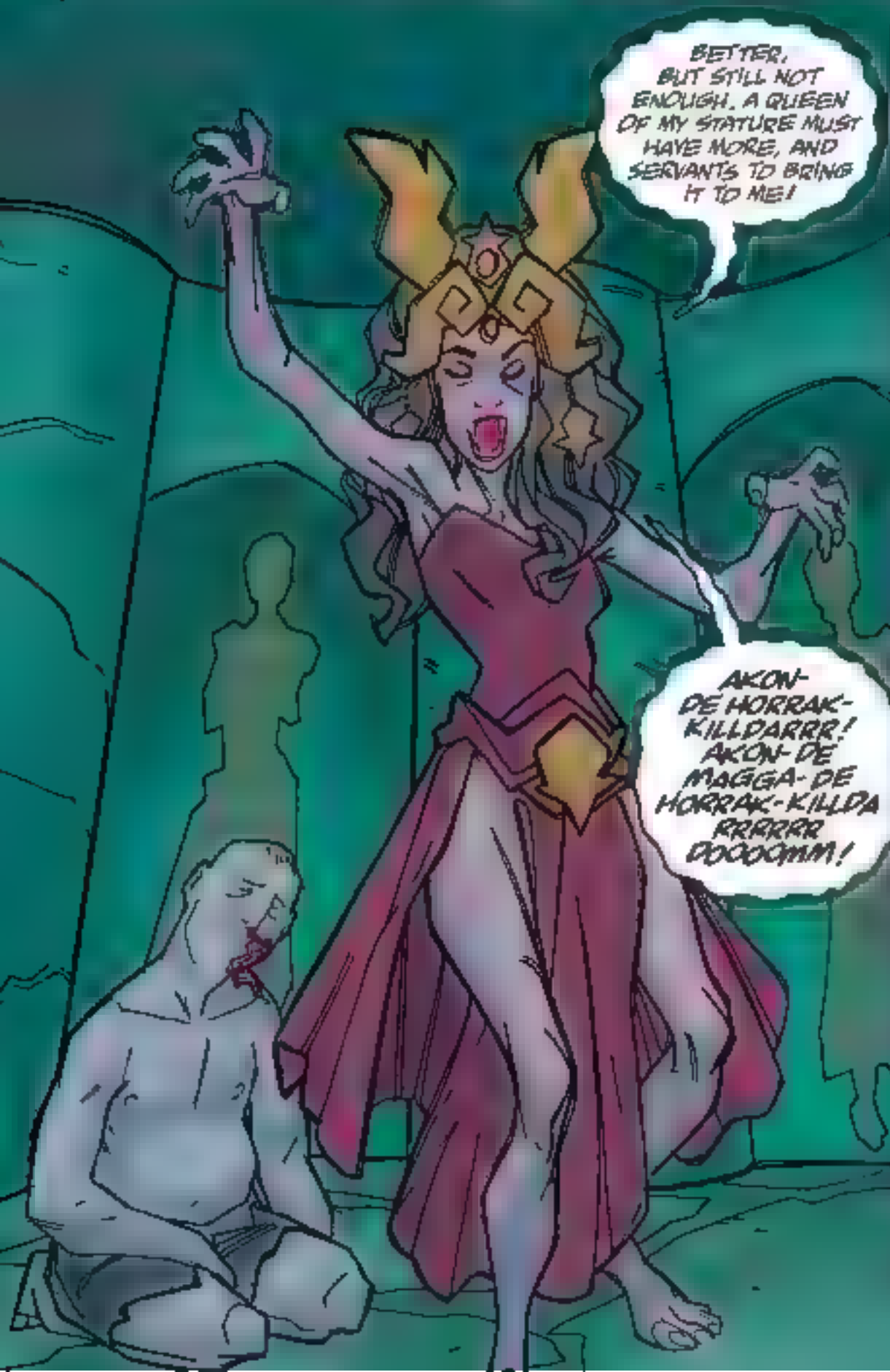
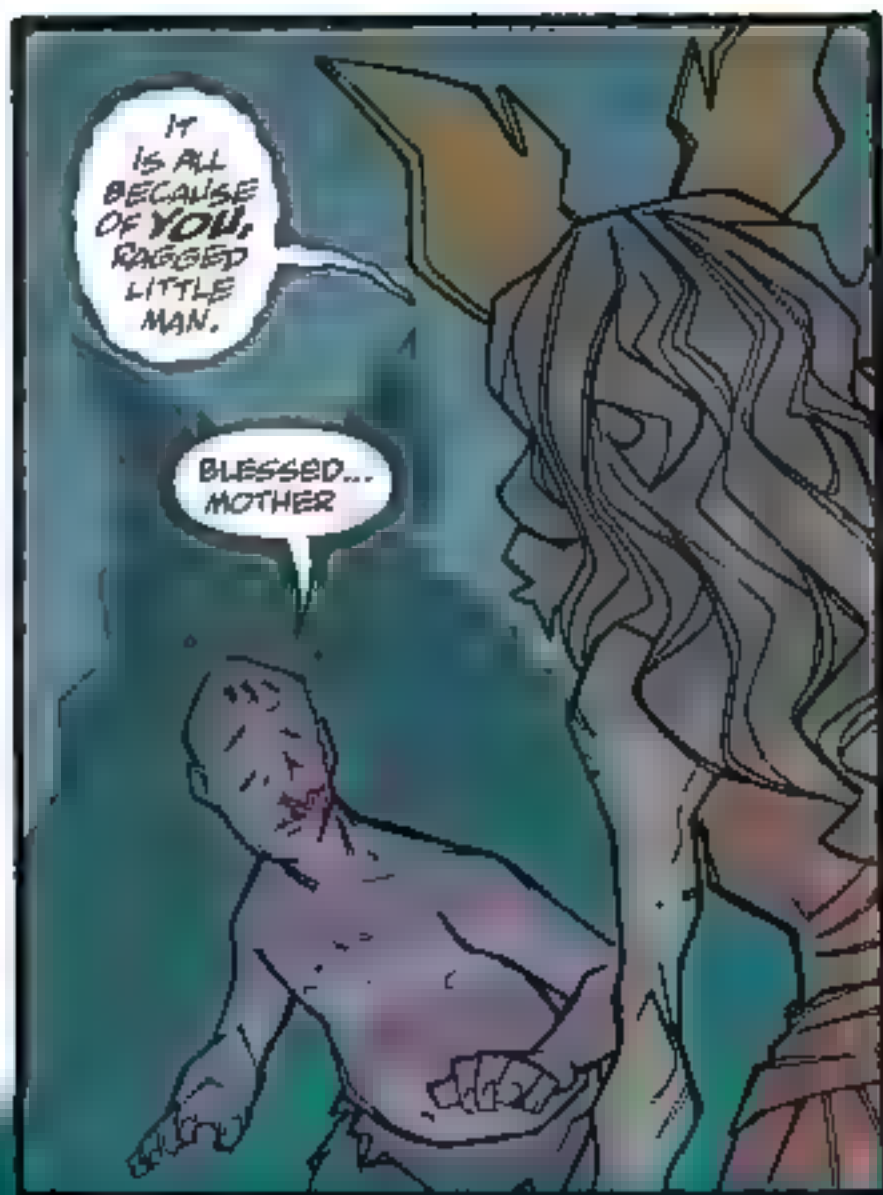
"...DEPRIVING
THE WORLD
ITSELF OF
MY GLORY!"

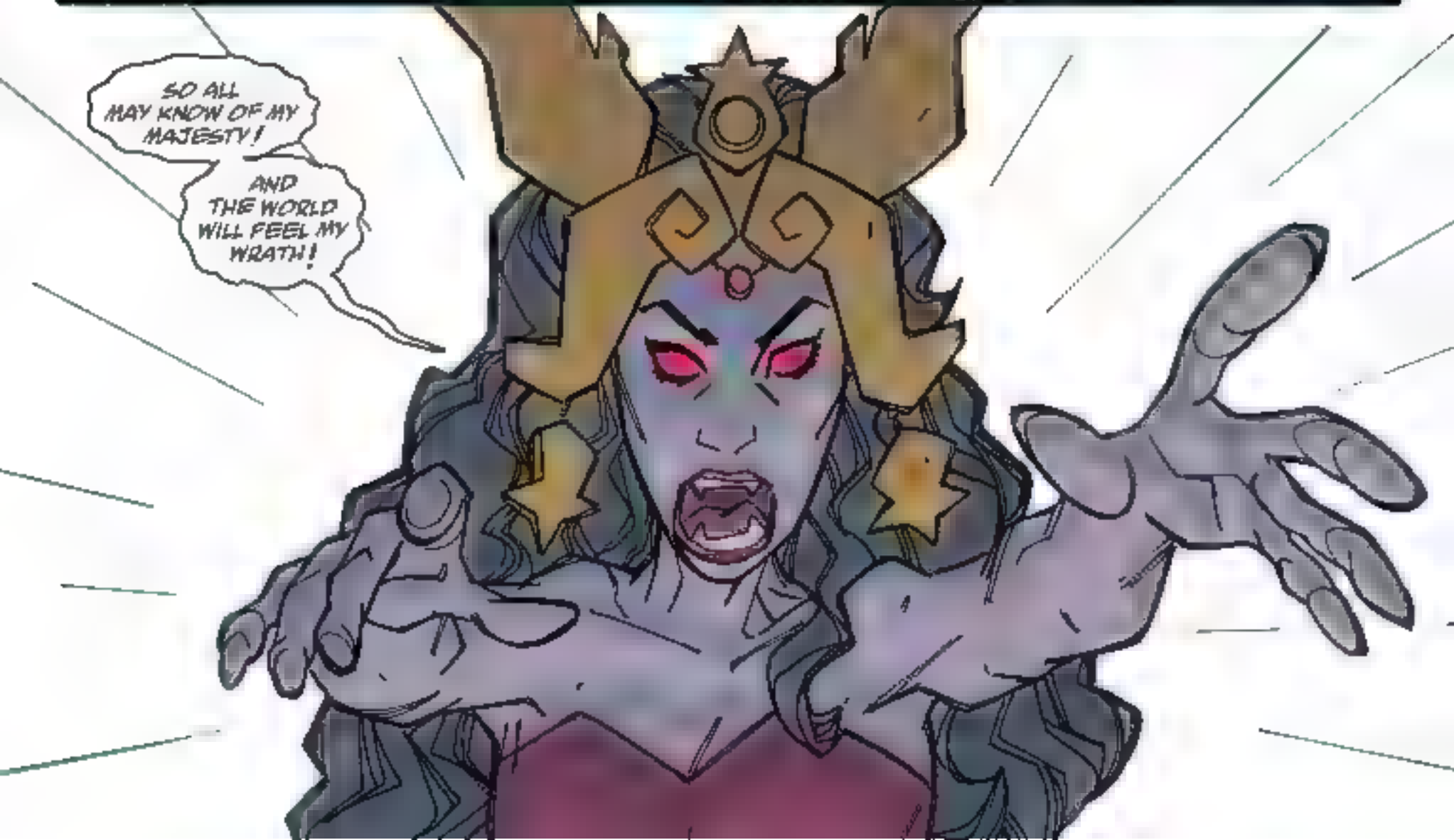
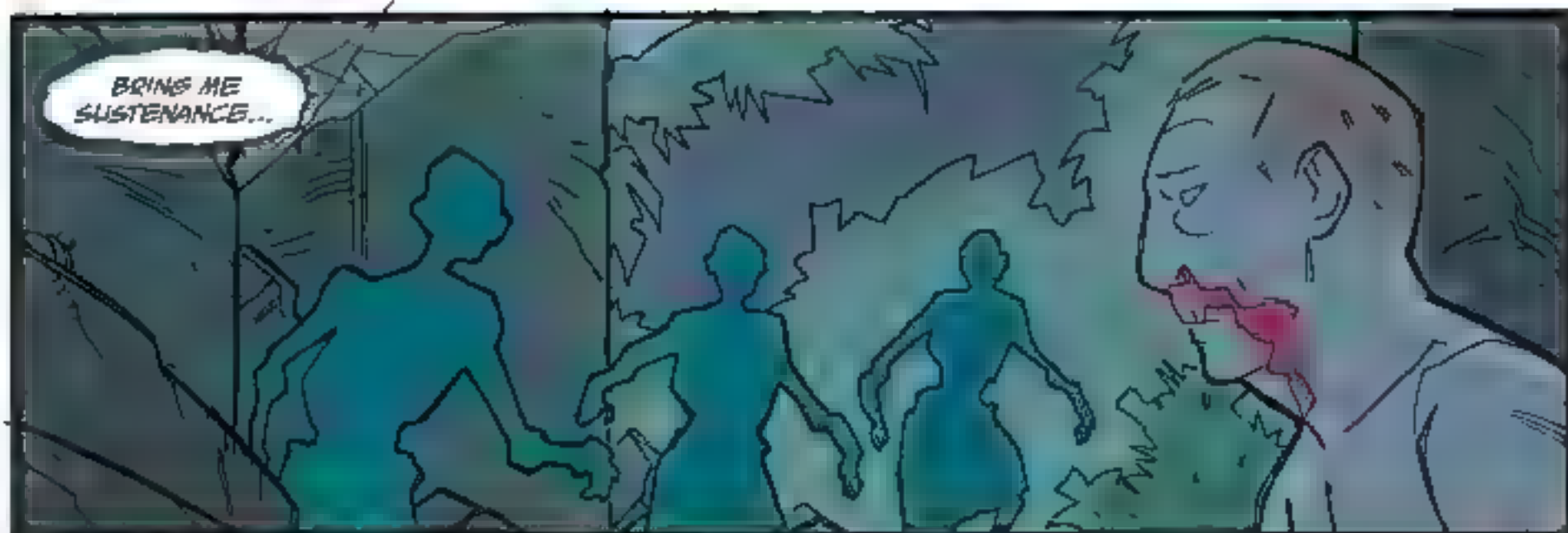
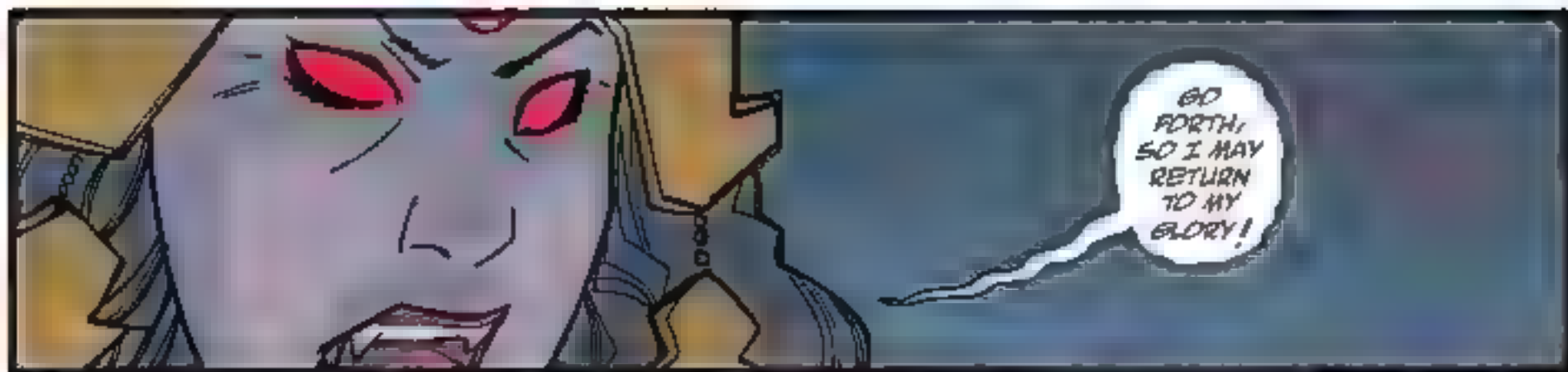


NOW THAT
IS ALL ABOUT TO
CHANGE.



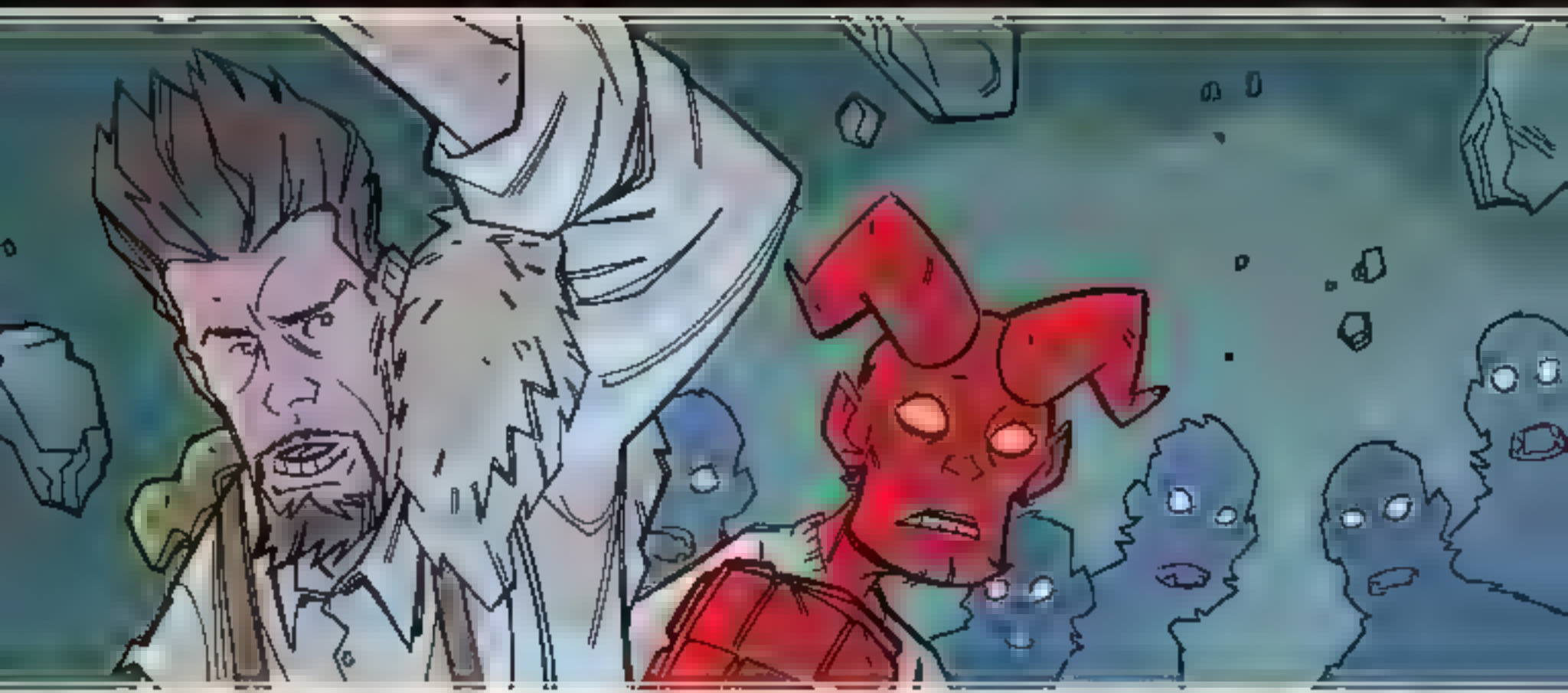
QUEEN
VESPERRA
LIVES!





CHAPTER THREE







I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THESE BRAVE OHNAR TRIBESMEN FOR ACCOMPANYING US SCARLETT. I MUST SAY I WAS SURPRISED BY THE OLD CHIEF'S DISTRESS AT OUR REQUEST TO EXPLORE THE TEMPLE RUINS.

PLACE HAS BEEN BAD NEWS FOR SO LONG THAT THEY CAN'T EVEN TELL ME WHY THEY THINK IT'S JUST GOOD SENSE TO STAY CLEAR.

IT'S CALLED ROCK. PAPER SCISSORS! THERE AIN'T ANY FRUIT INVOLVED!



WELL, HELLOBOY AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR US. I BELIEVE THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERIES OF THIS ISLAND COULD BE IN THAT TEMPLE.

THE CHIEF AND SHAMAN WEREN'T TOO HAPPY, BUT I PROMISED WE'D KEEP YOU OUTTA TROUBLE SO THEY WAS GOOD.



"I PROMISE NOT TO DISTURB A THING. WE'LL BE AS CAREFUL AS MICE."

SEE THIS IS PAPER. IT COVERS THE ROCK SO PAPER BEATS ROCK GET IT?

TAA-NEEK MADONG, R'CK!

DOH-NAKA BAH MANN PA, R'CK?



NOPE, THE FRUIT AIN'T GONNA BEAT PAPER! ROCK DON'T EVEN BEAT PAPER WHY WOULD A STUPID PIECE OF FRUIT?

DAA-NEEKA?

TAKKA-D'TOROO-BONN!

KRUNCH



COME ALONG NOW HELLOBOY NO DAWDLING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS MUST KEEP UP



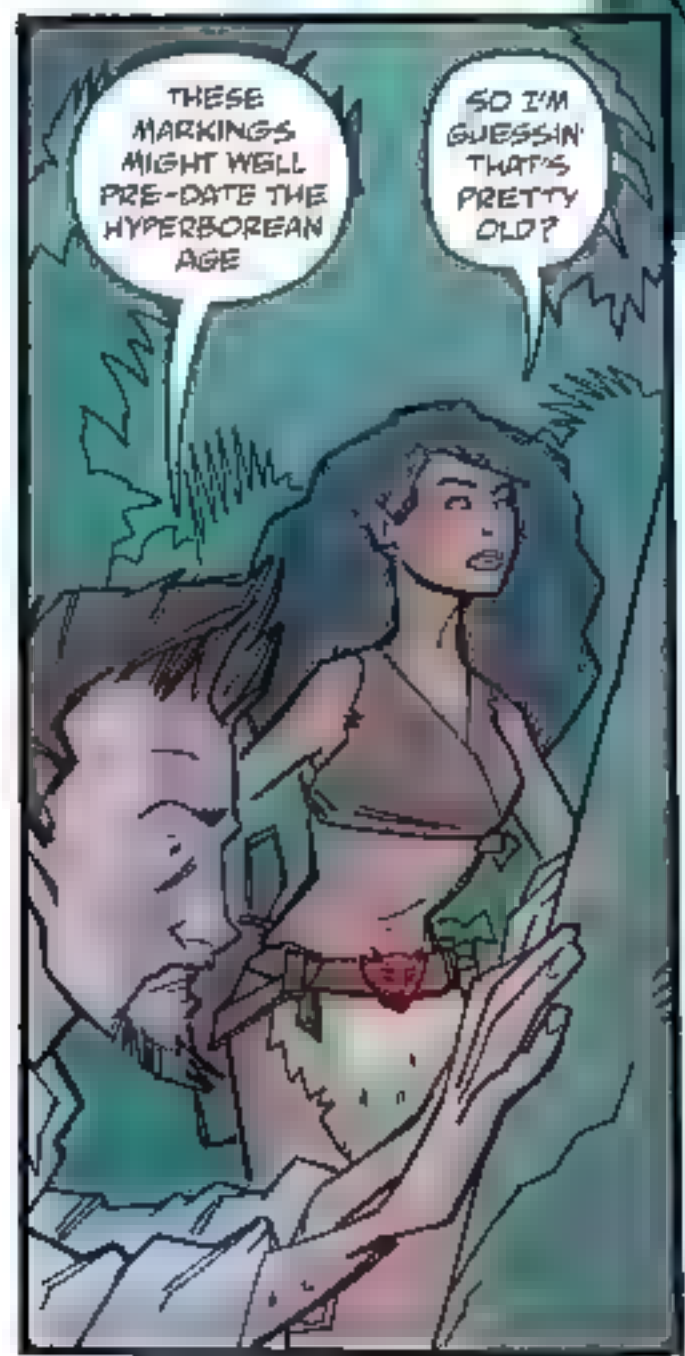
IT'S EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE UP CLOSE.

AIN'T SURE IF IMPRESSIVE IS HOW I'D DESCRIBE IT. GETTIN' A SERIOUS CASE OF THE WILLIES RIGHT NOW

WONDER IF IT'S GOT MUMMIES INSIDE

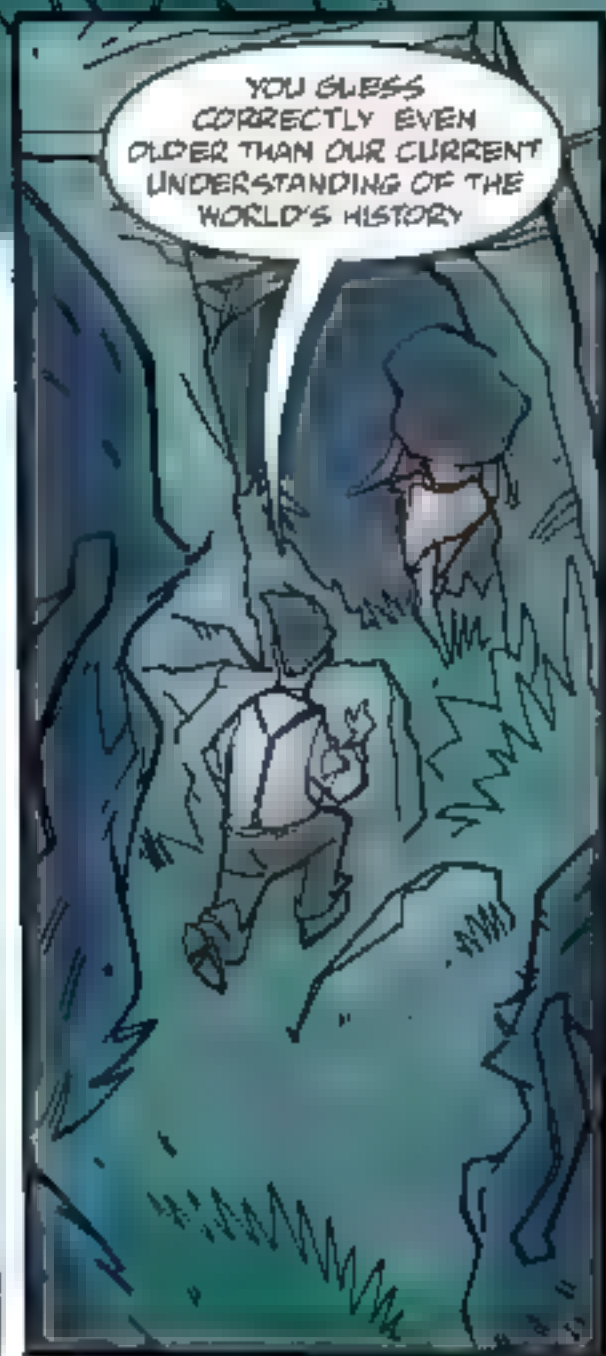


THOUGH MUMMIFIED REMAINS WOULD BE FASCINATING I'D BE THRILLED WITH ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THIS ISLAND.



THESE MARKINGS MIGHT WELL PRE-DATE THE HYPERBOREAN AGE

SO I'M GUESSIN' THAT'S PRETTY OLD?



YOU GUESS CORRECTLY EVEN OLDER THAN OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD'S HISTORY



BUT, WHAT IS THIS?

IT'S THE WEIRDEST THING

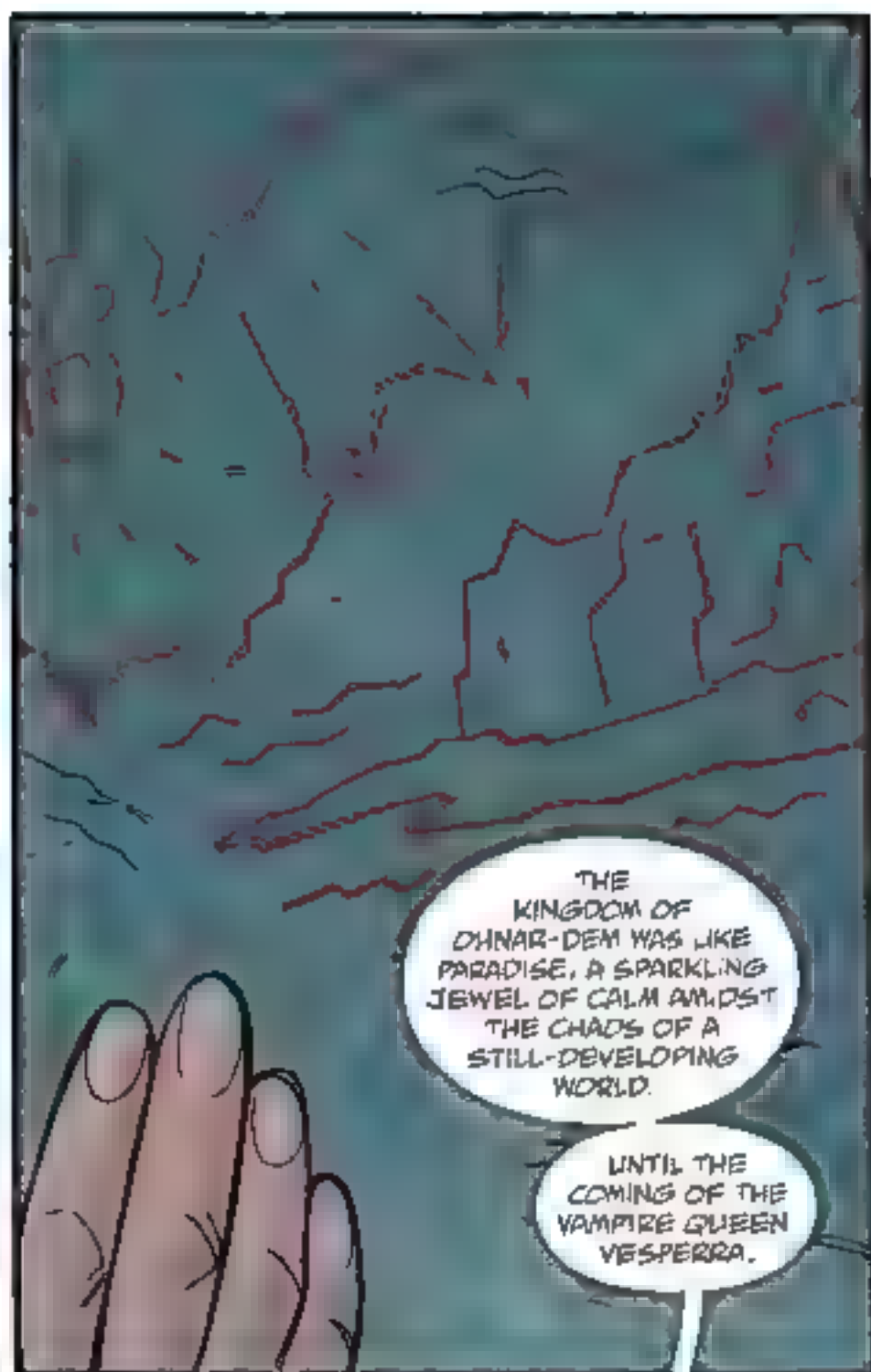
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

LIKE IT'S TALKIN' TO ME INSIDE MY HEAD... TRYIN' TO EXPLAIN



EXPLAIN?

THIS PLACE.
THE ISLAND. AND
WHAT HAPPENED
HERE



THE
KINGDOM OF
DHAR-DEM WAS LIKE
PARADISE, A SPARKLING
JEWEL OF CALM AMIDST
THE CHAOS OF A
STILL-DEVELOPING
WORLD.

UNTIL THE
COMING OF THE
VAMPIRE QUEEN
VESPERRA.



THEY
SAW SHE WAS DRAWN
TO THE LIGHT OF THE
GLORIOUS CITY, FEEDING
UPON ITS BRILLIANCE AND
THE LIFEBLOOD OF ITS
PEOPLE

"VESPERRA
GREW STRONGER
BY THE DAY, AND
THE ELDERS OF
JIN-GAAH-ROHN
FEARED NOT
ONLY FOR THEIR
WONDROUS CITY,
BUT FOR THE
YOUNG WORLD
ITSELF"



"FEARING THE SPREAD OF HER
MALIGNANT DARKNESS, THE
ELDERS RISKED THEIR LIVES--
THEIR VERY SOULS--TO STOP
THE VAMPIRE QUEEN."

"KNOWING THEY WERE
NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO
COMPLETELY DESTROY
HER, THE ELDERS DEVISED
A WAY TO IMPRISON HER."



AND FEARING
THIS WOULD NOT BE
ENOUGH FOR THE
SAKE OF THE PLANET
WITH SO MUCH PROMISE,
THE ELDERS DID THE
UNTHINKABLE



"USING POWERFUL
MAGICS, THE
ELDERS MOVED
DHNAR-DEM FROM
THERE--TO HERE."

"TO A PLACE WHERE TIME
STOOD STILL, AND THE
THREAT THAT VESPERRA
POSED WOULD BE
PREVENTED--FOR NOW."



INCREDIBLE.
IT APPEARS
THAT THE ANCIENT
ANCESTORS OF THE
DHNAR TRANSPORTED
THE ISLAND TO ITS
OWN BUBBLE OF
REALITY.





"THOUGH THWARTED,
VESPERA REMAINED,
SEETHING IN HER
PRISON CRYPT



"WAITING FOR HER CHANCE TO LIVE AGAIN,
AND SPREAD HER DARKNESS ACROSS THE
LAND LIKE THE MOST VIRULENT OF PLAGUES "



WHOA! THAT
WAS SOMETHIN'. GUESS
I KNOW NOW WHAT THE
DHUAR ISLAND NEEDS A
GUARDIAN FOR

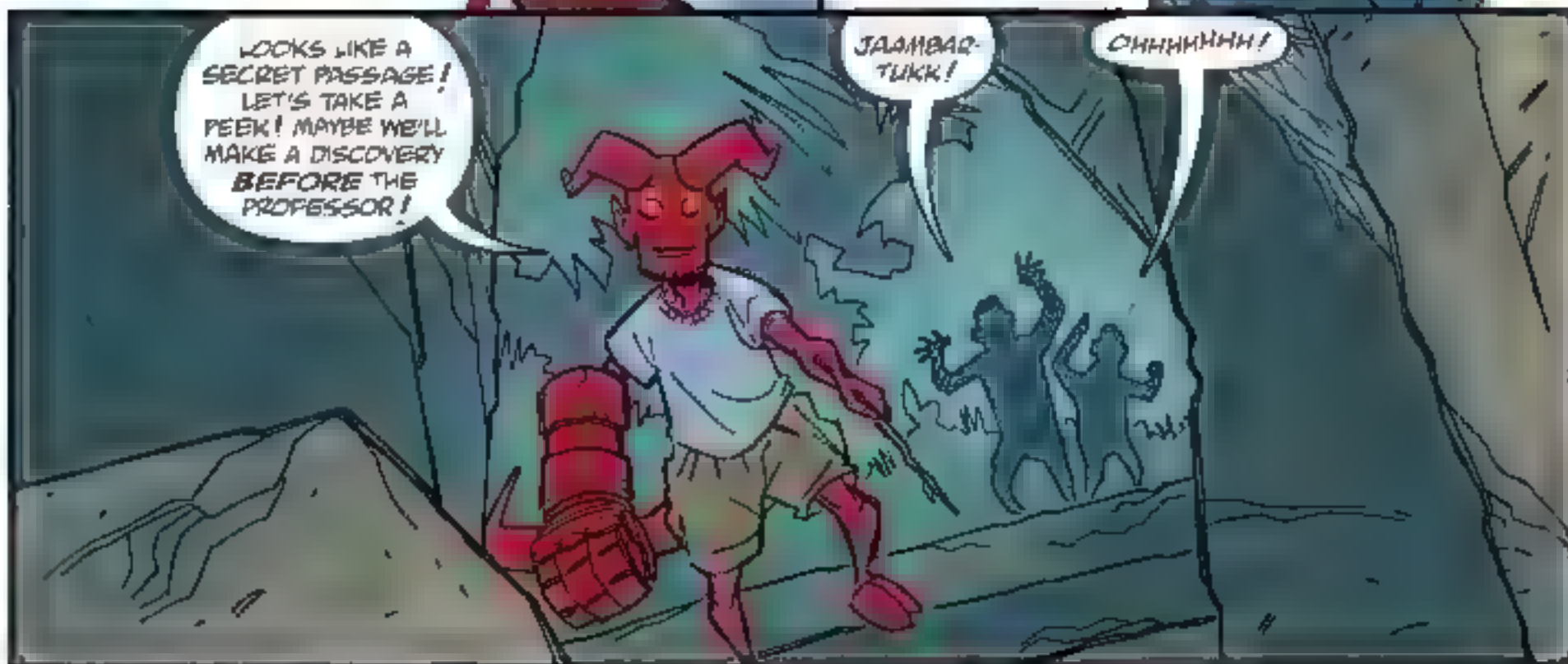
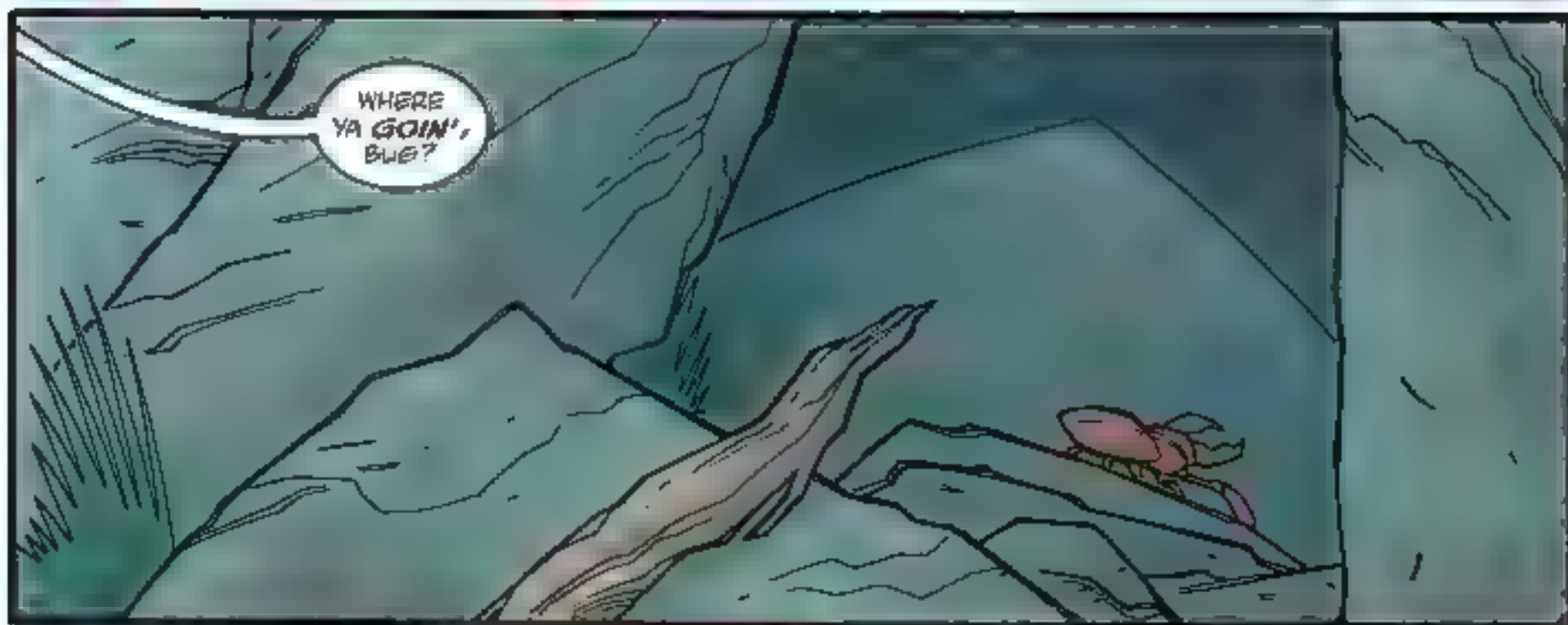
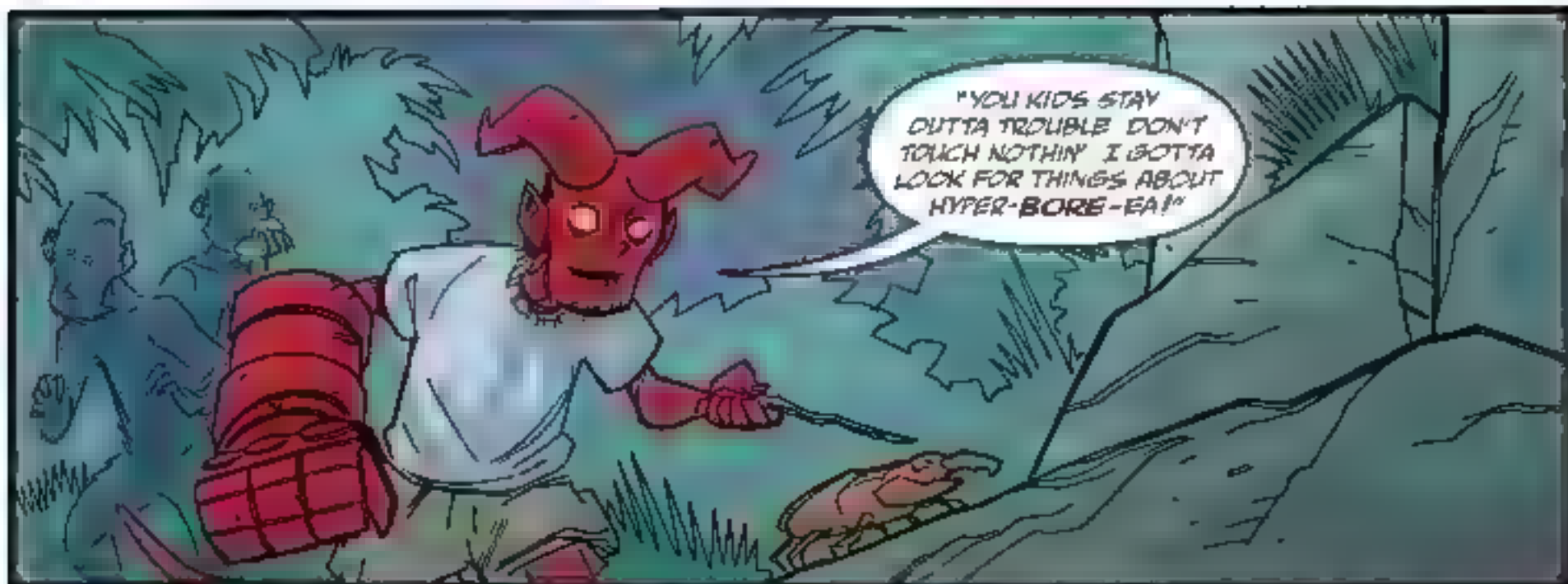
YES
AND I'M
GUESSING THIS
TEMPLE TO BE
HER RESTING
PLACE.

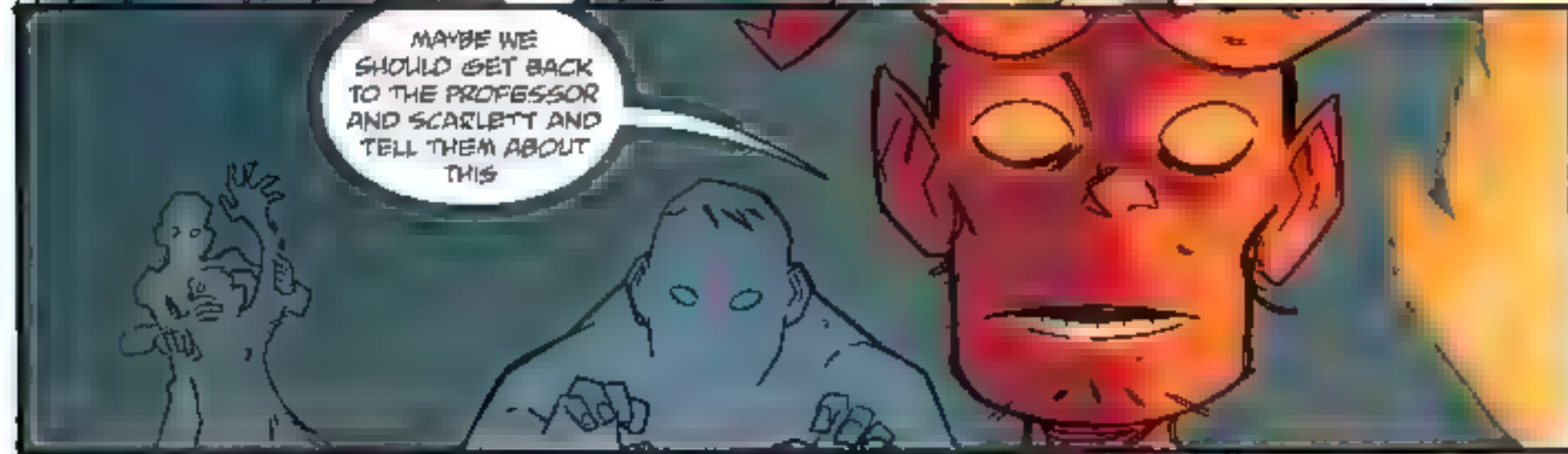
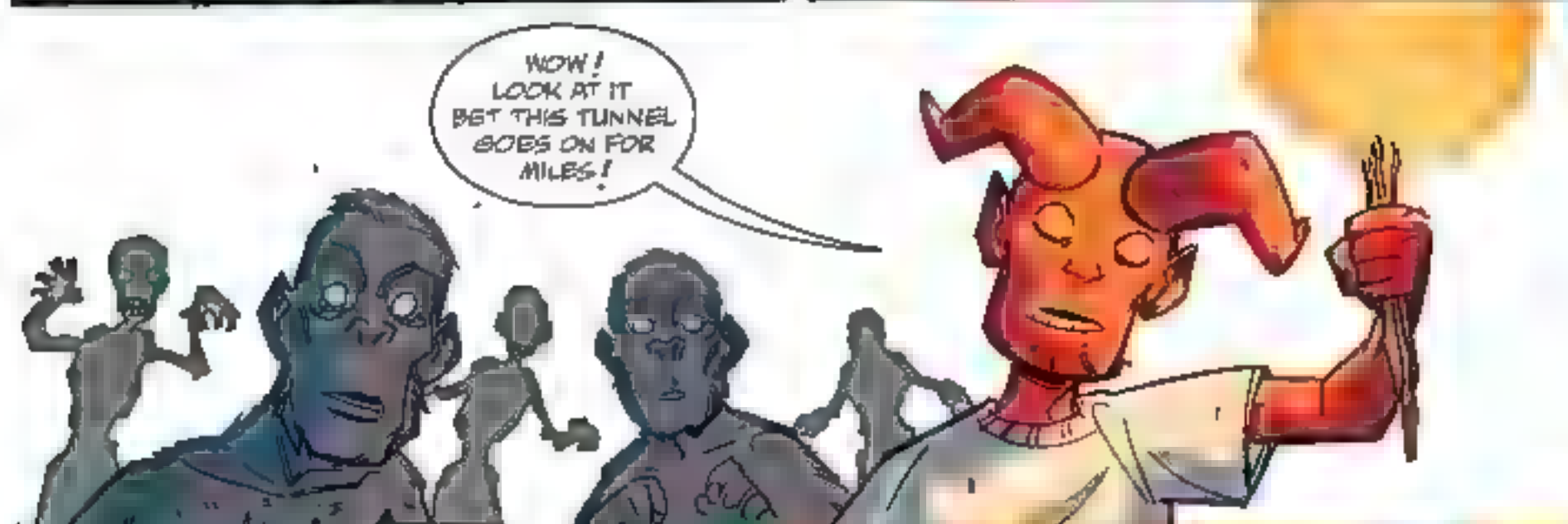


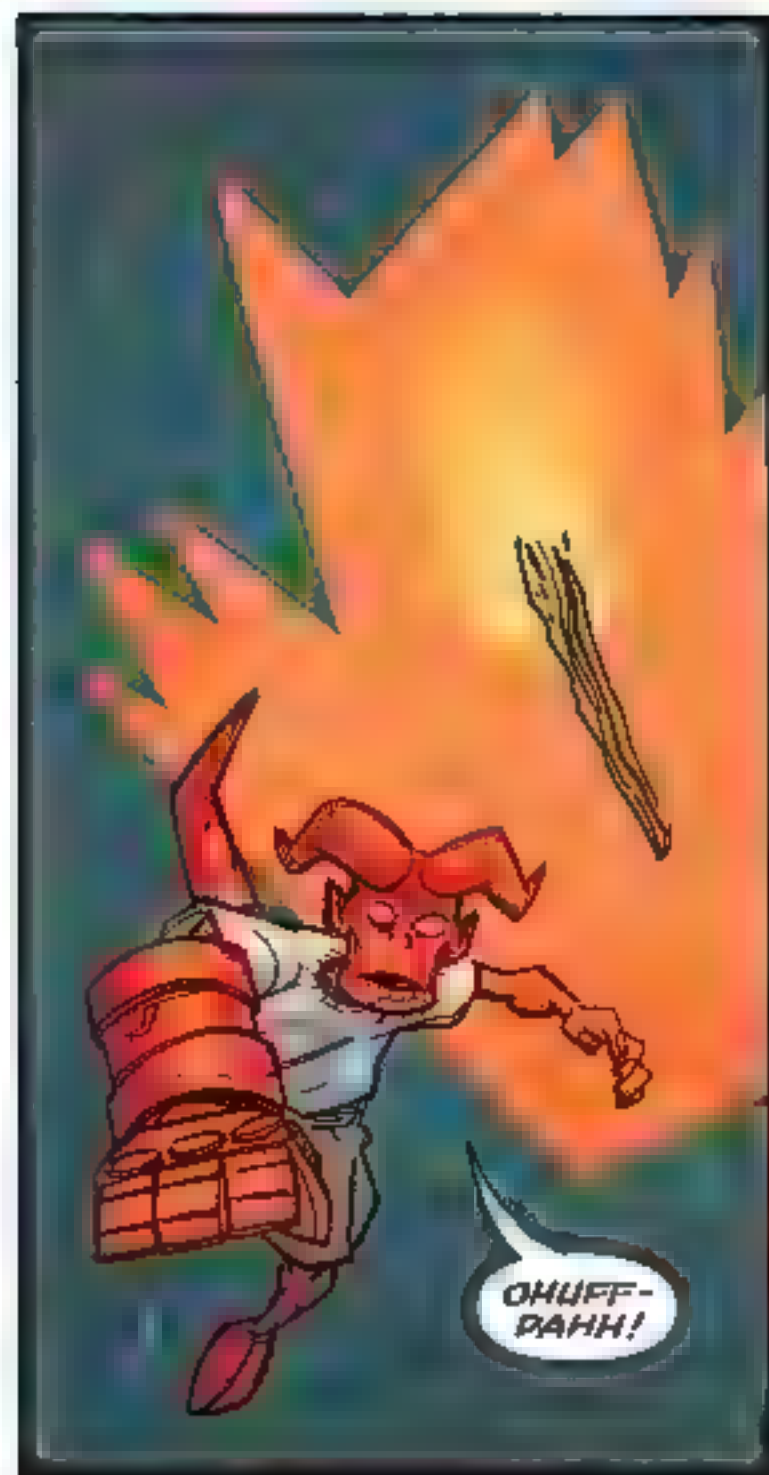
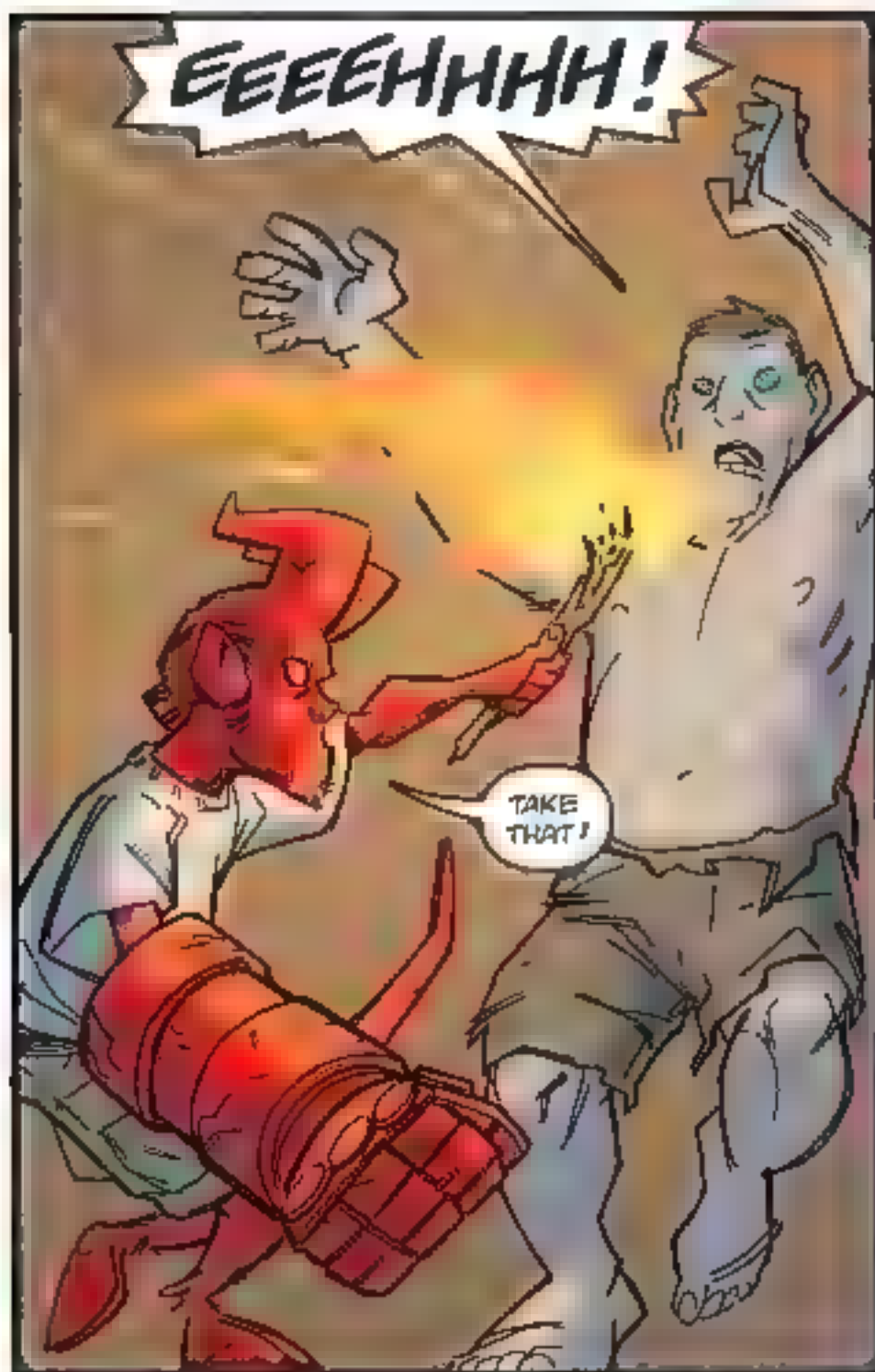
MAY I
SUGGEST THE
UTMOST CARE IN
OUR FURTHER
EXPLORATION OF
THE TEMPLE?

DAKKA
CONN DOLO?

DEEKA
CONN DOLO
MAKA-
MAKA

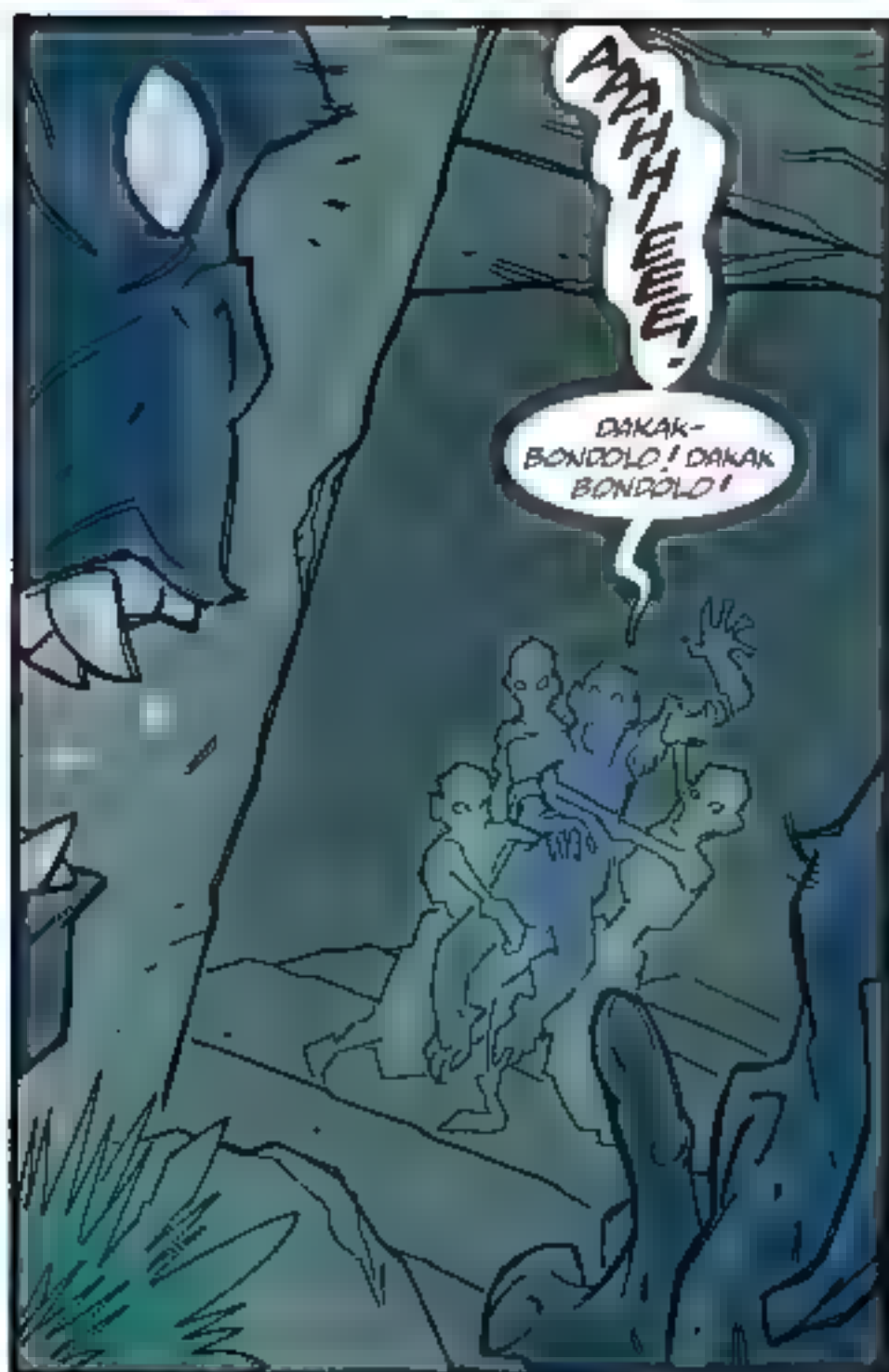
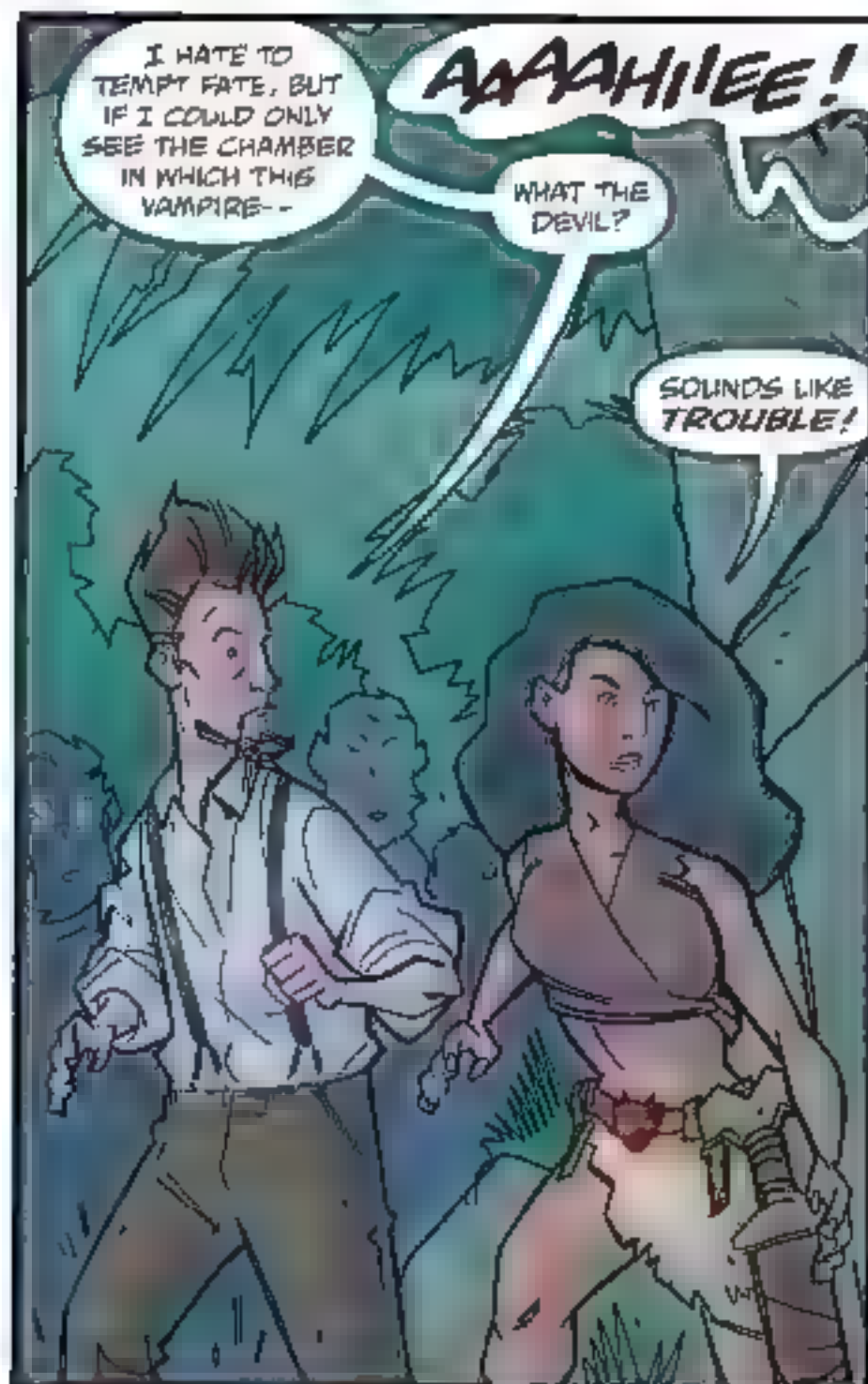


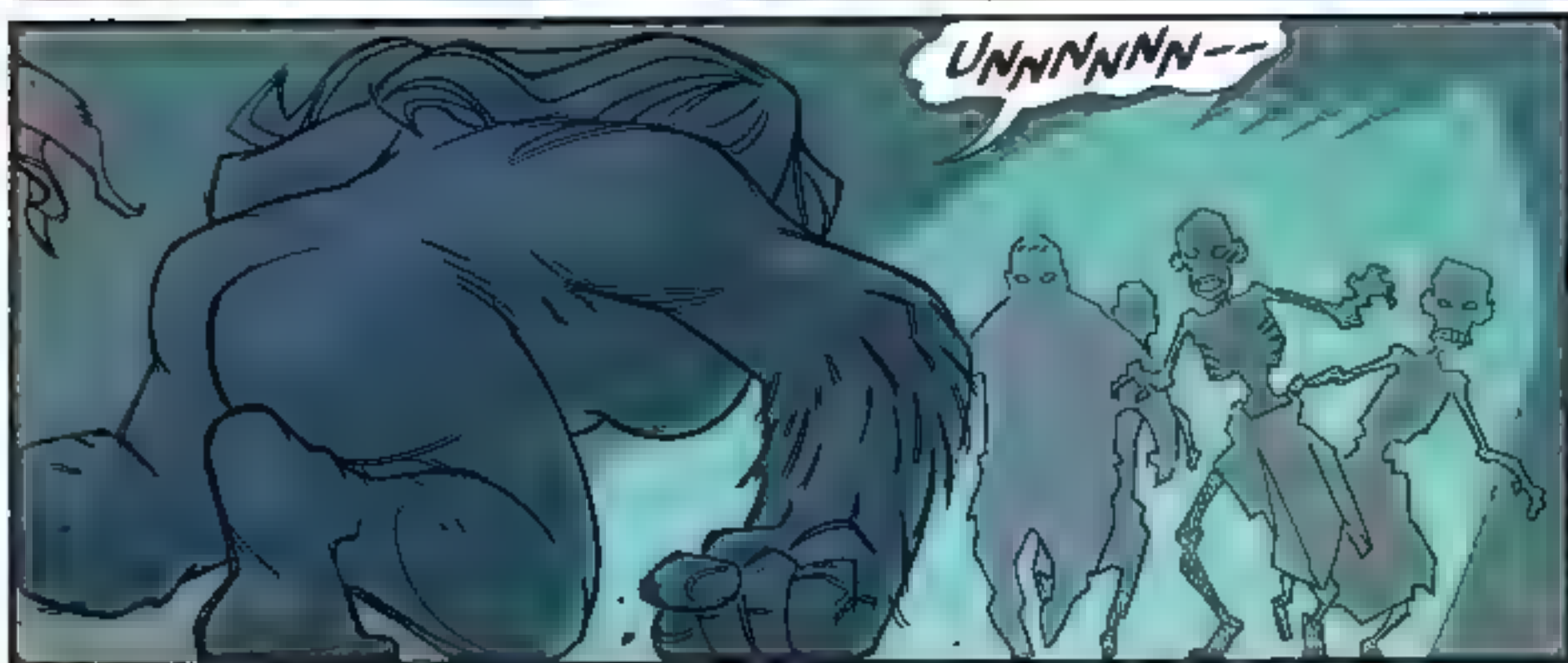
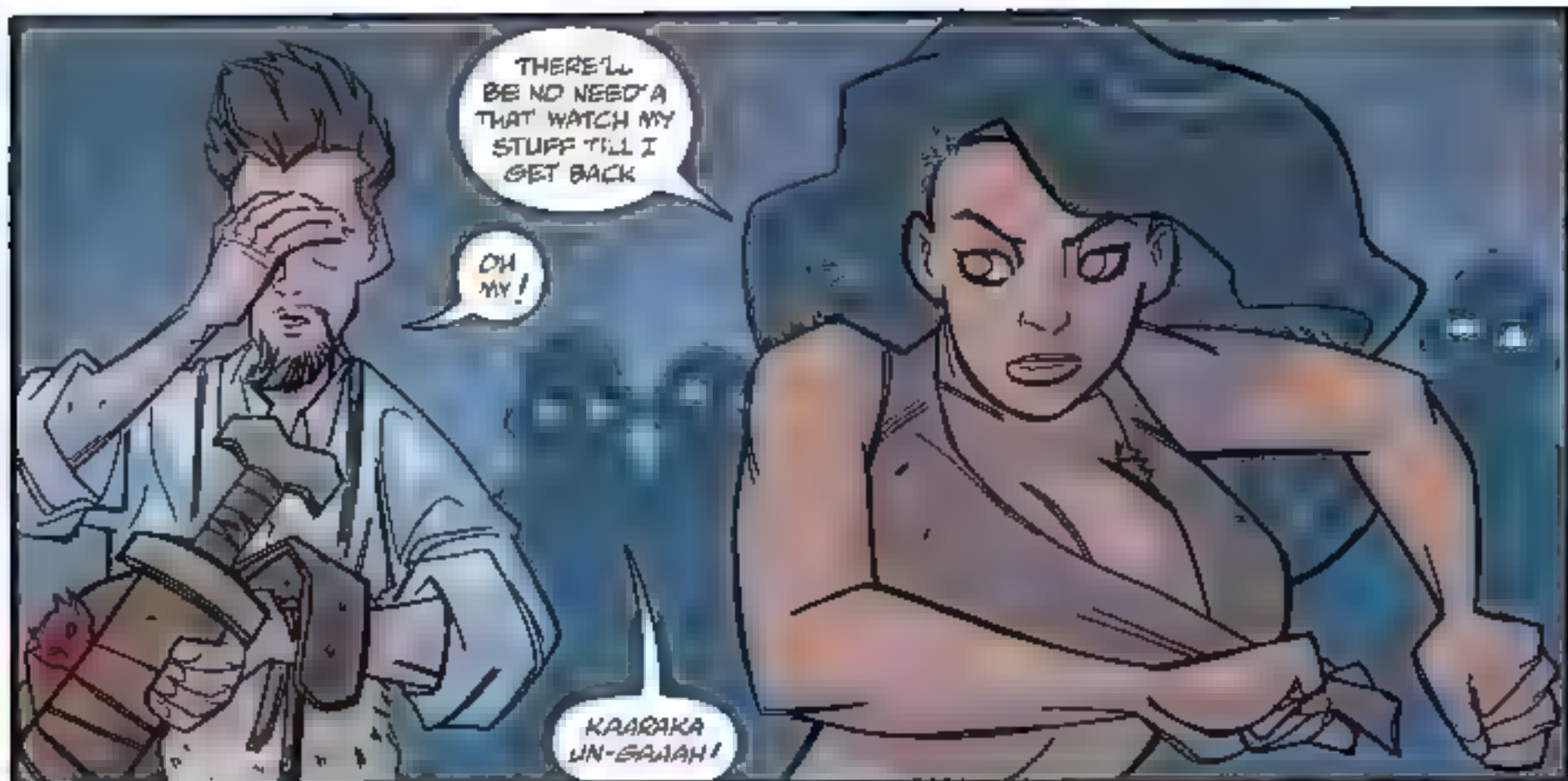


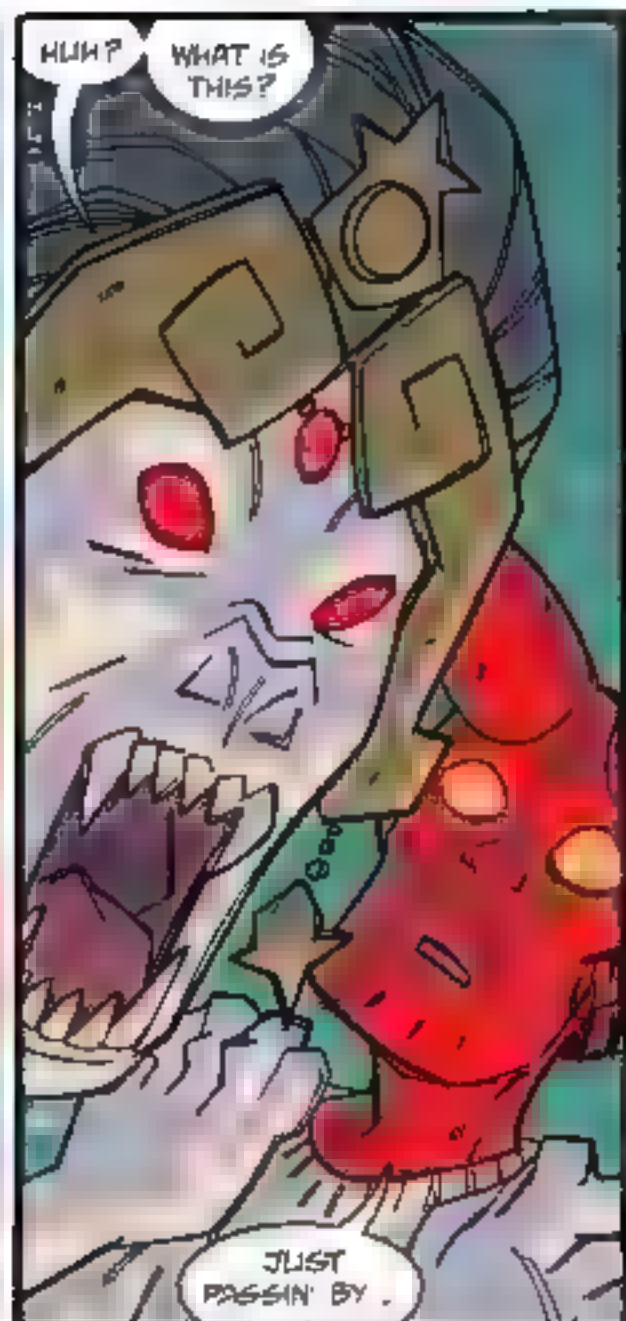


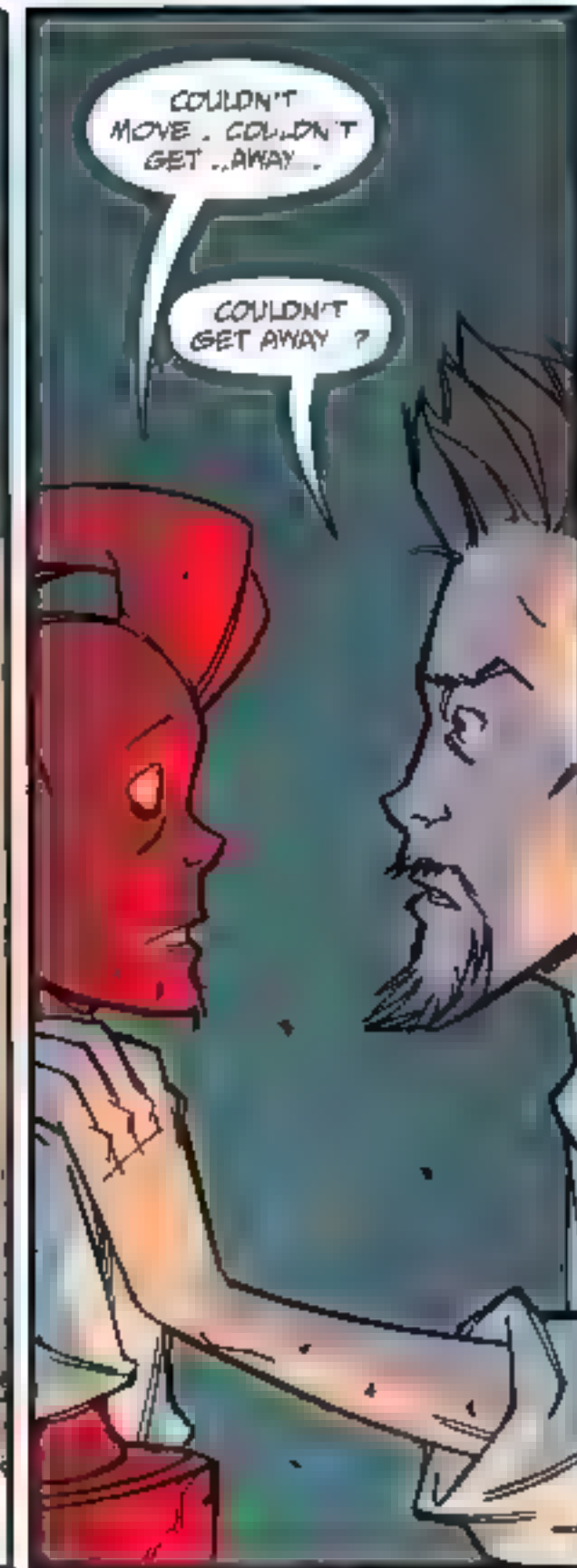
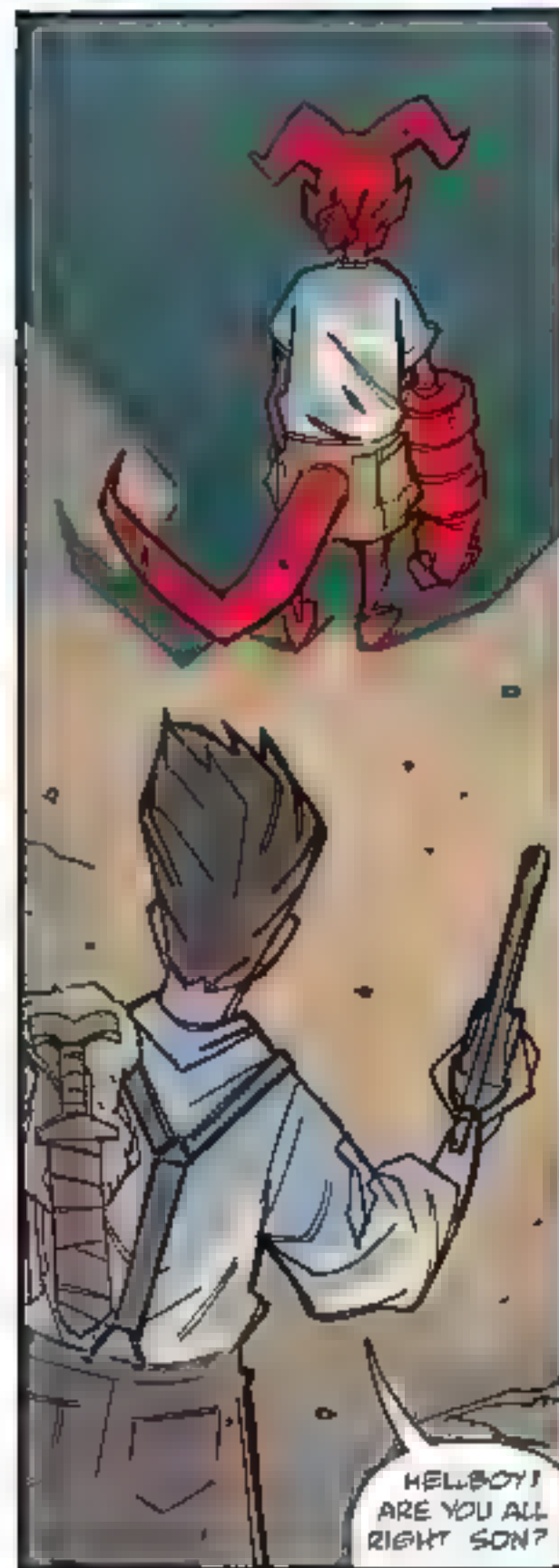














SHE'S STILL
HERE! LOOK
OUT! THE
VAMPIRE LADY,
SHE'S STILL
HERE!



HSSSSSS!!

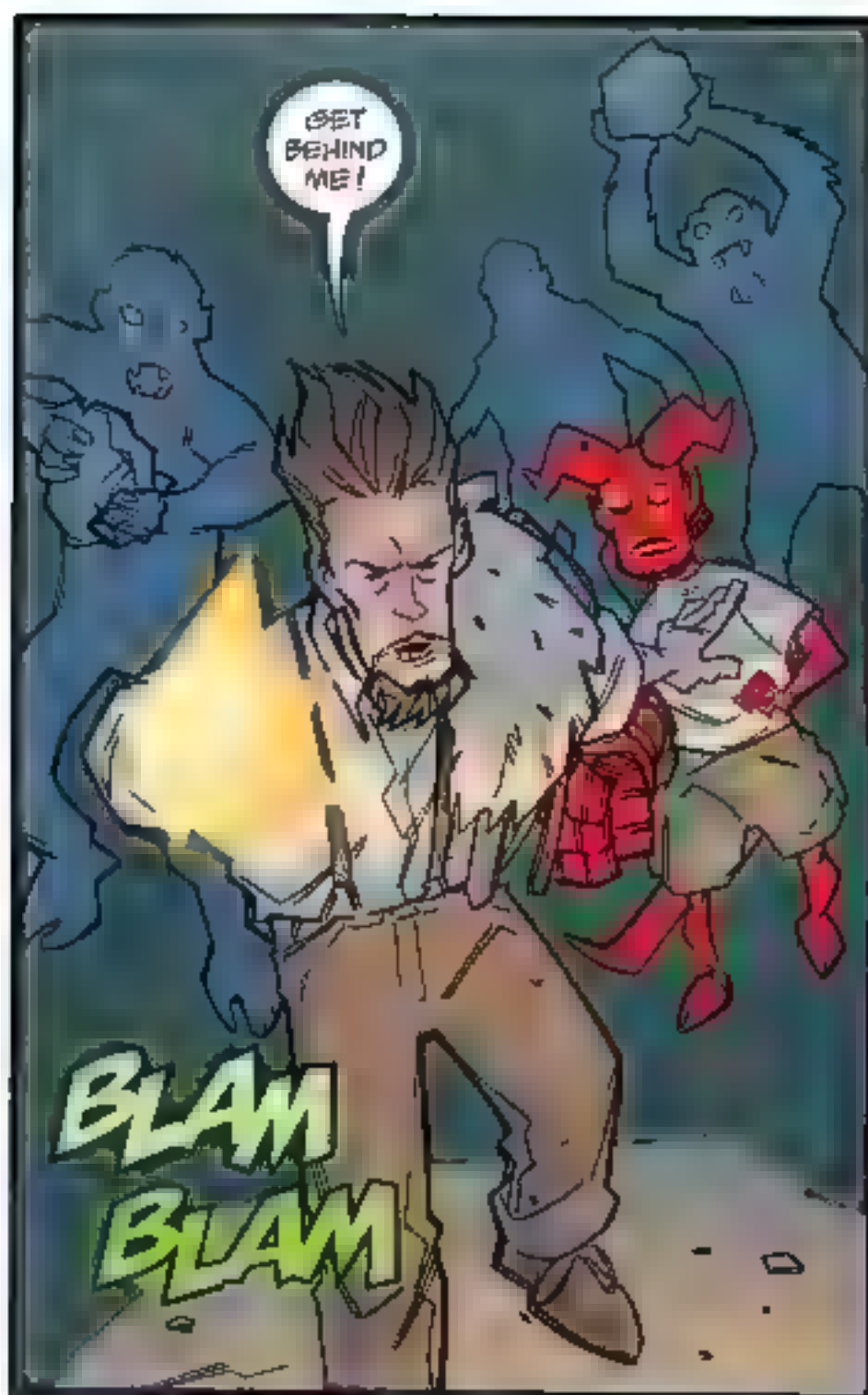
AARRGGH!

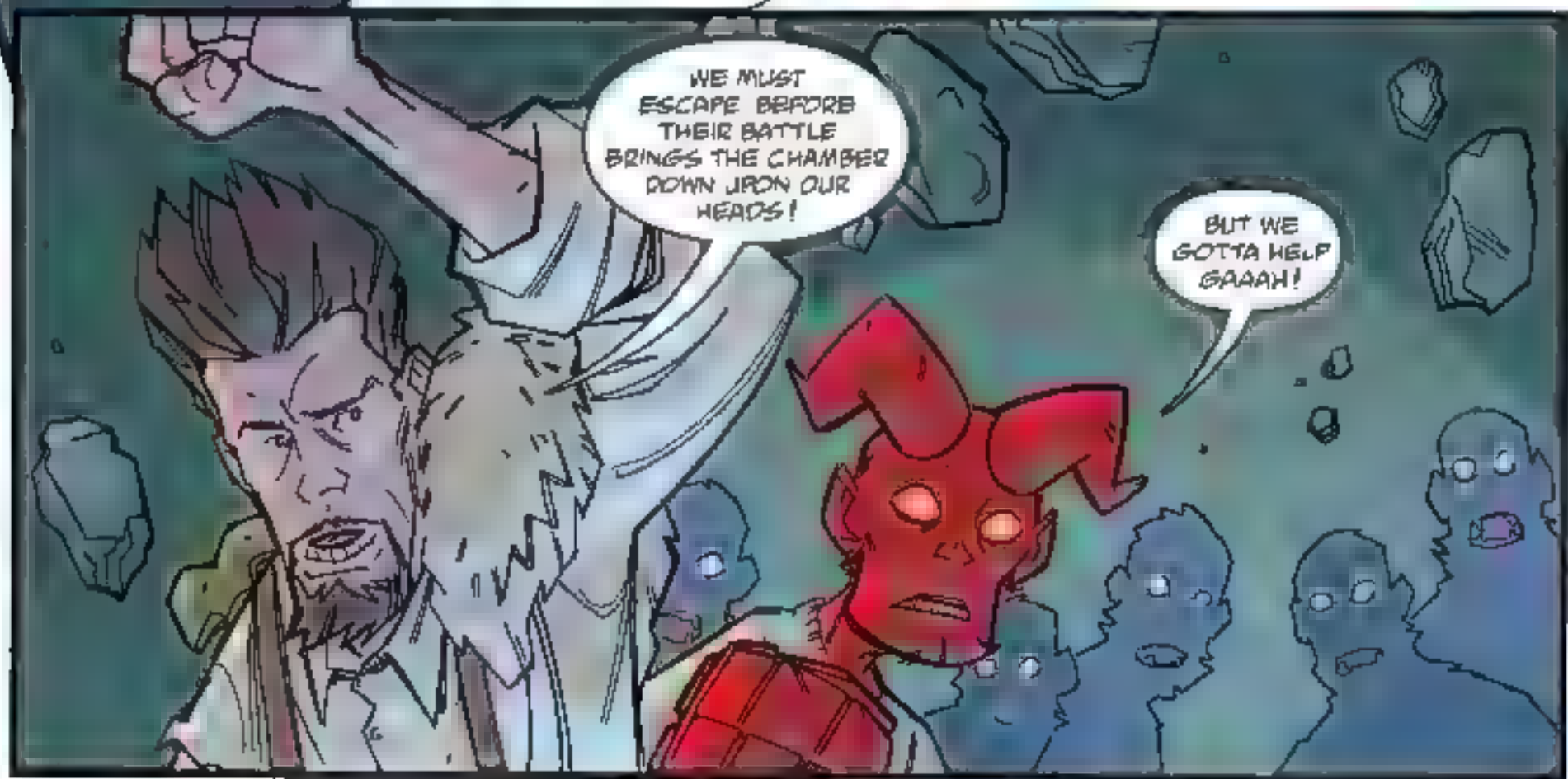
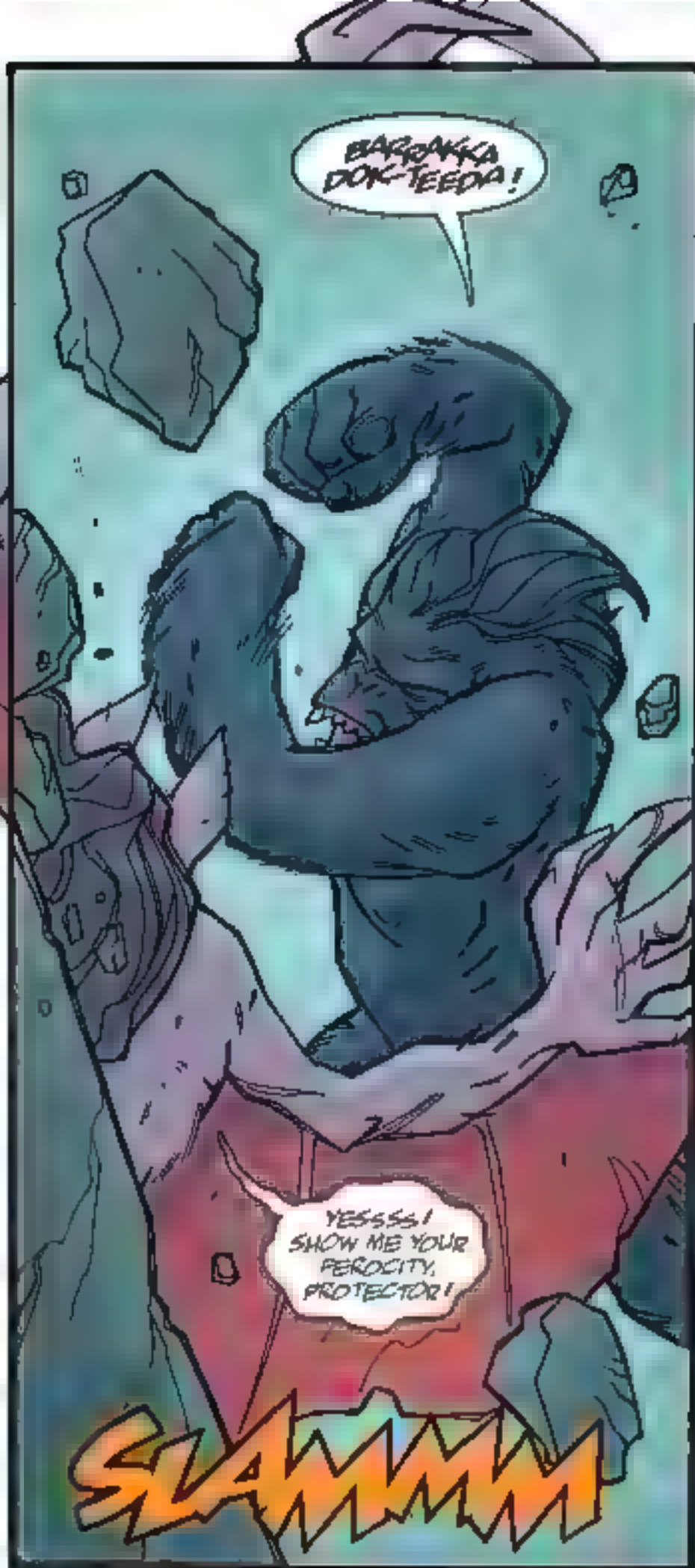
SWAK

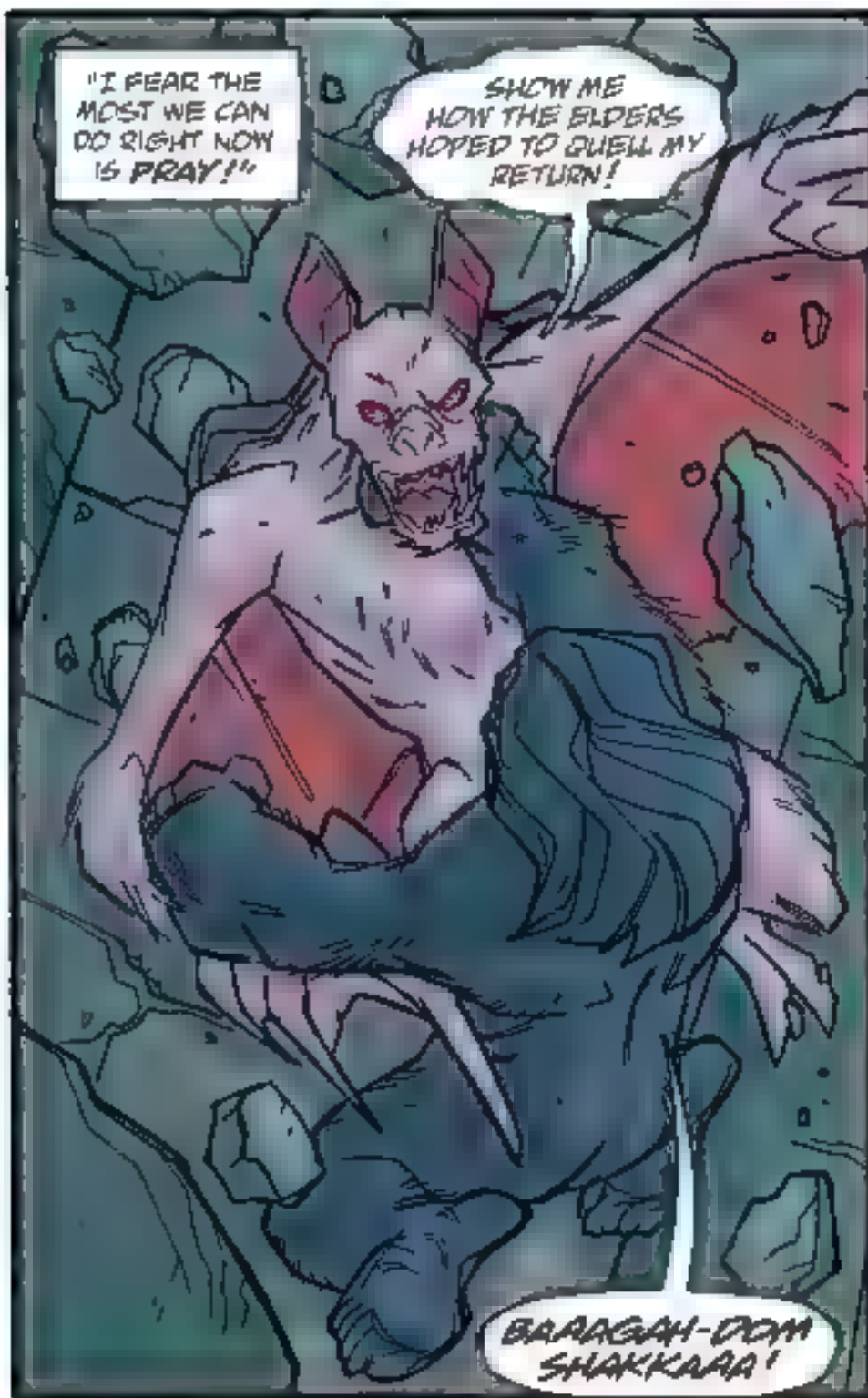
THE
STINK OF
ELDER MAGIC
WAFES FROM
YOU,
ANIMAL!



UURRRHH!







"I FEAR THE
MOST WE CAN
DO RIGHT NOW
IS PRAY!"

SHOW ME
HOW THE ELDERS
HOPED TO QUELL MY
RETURN!

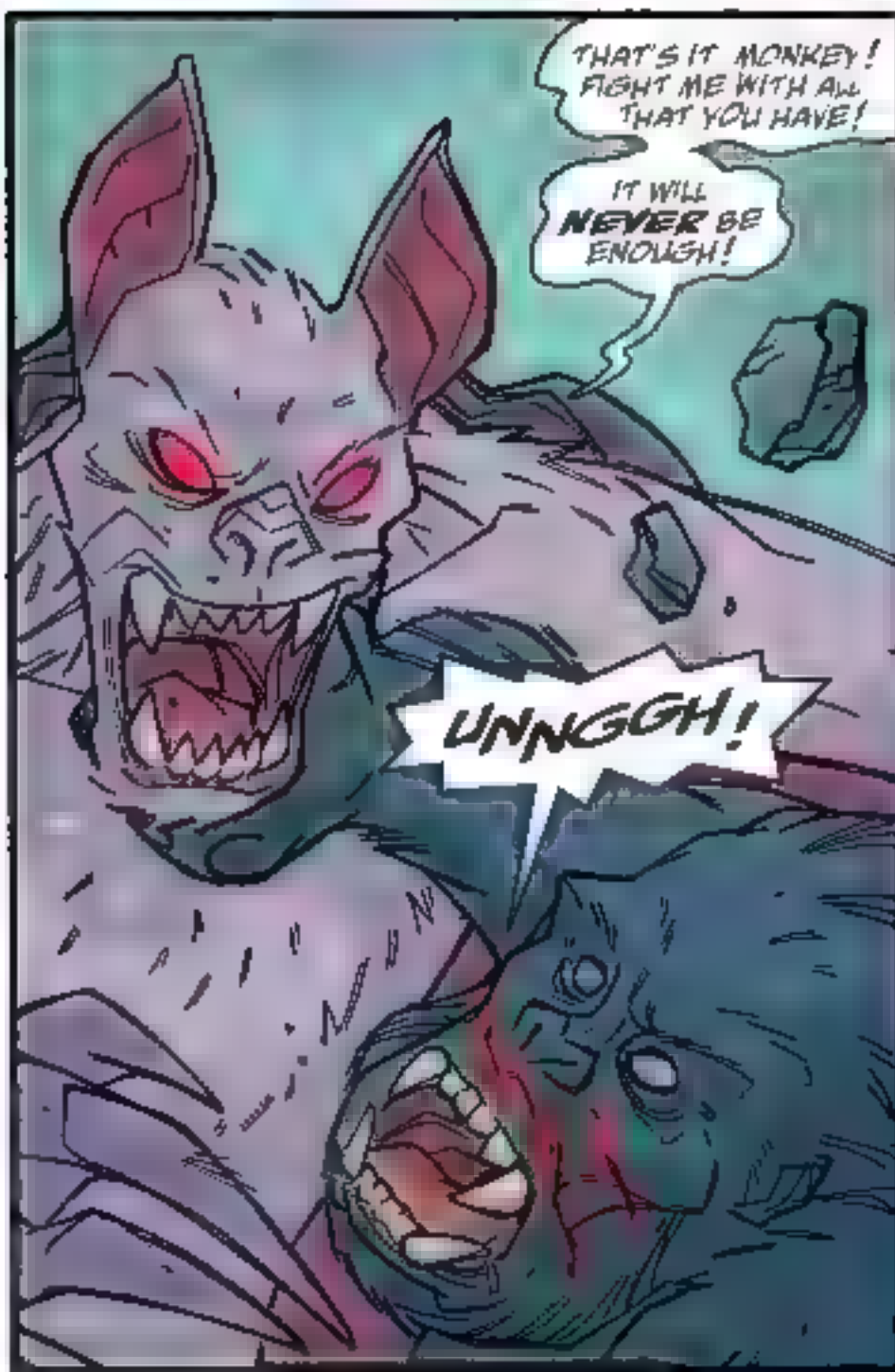
BAAAGH-DOH
SHAKKAA!



LOOK
OUT!

AAAAGGH!

SHOW
ME THE POWER
THAT THE OH SO
RIGHTEOUS
OWNER GAVE
YOU!



THAT'S IT MONKEY!
FIGHT ME WITH ALL
THAT YOU HAVE!

IT WILL
NEVER BE
ENOUGH!

UNNGGH!



GAAAH!

CHOMMPH



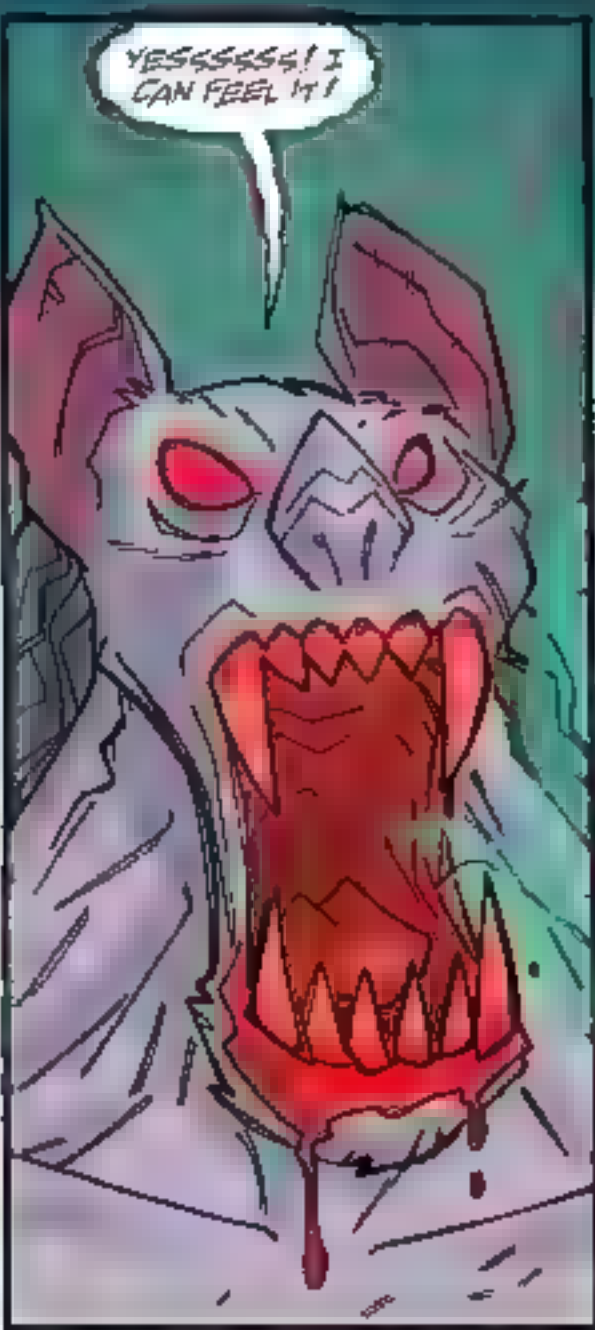
MMMMMM!

AAAAAAGH!!



DEAR GOD!

OH NO!



YESSSSSS! I CAN FEEL IT!

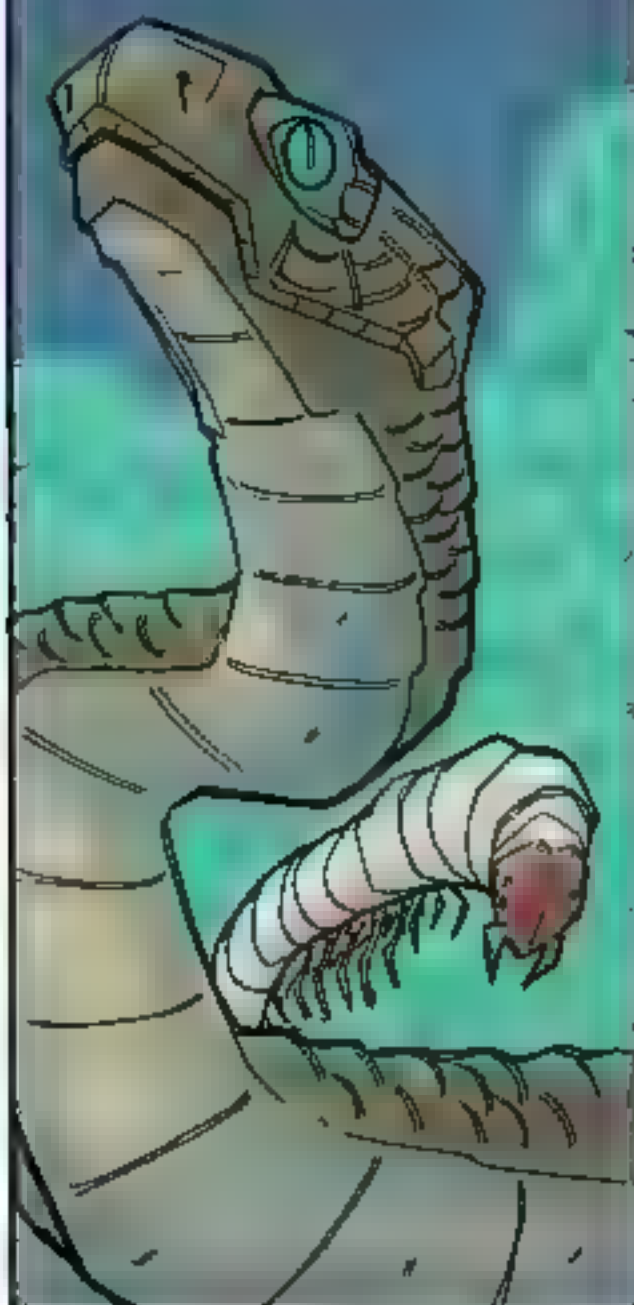


THE MAGIC IN YOUR VEINS NOW FLOWS IN MINE!

"IF I AM TO CONQUER
THIS WORLD ..

" ..I WILL NEED A PROPER
ARMY. AN ARMY WHICH
REFLECTS THE DARKNESS
OF MY BEING!

"RELENTLESS
AND CRUEL



" MONSTROUS
IN EVERY WAY "

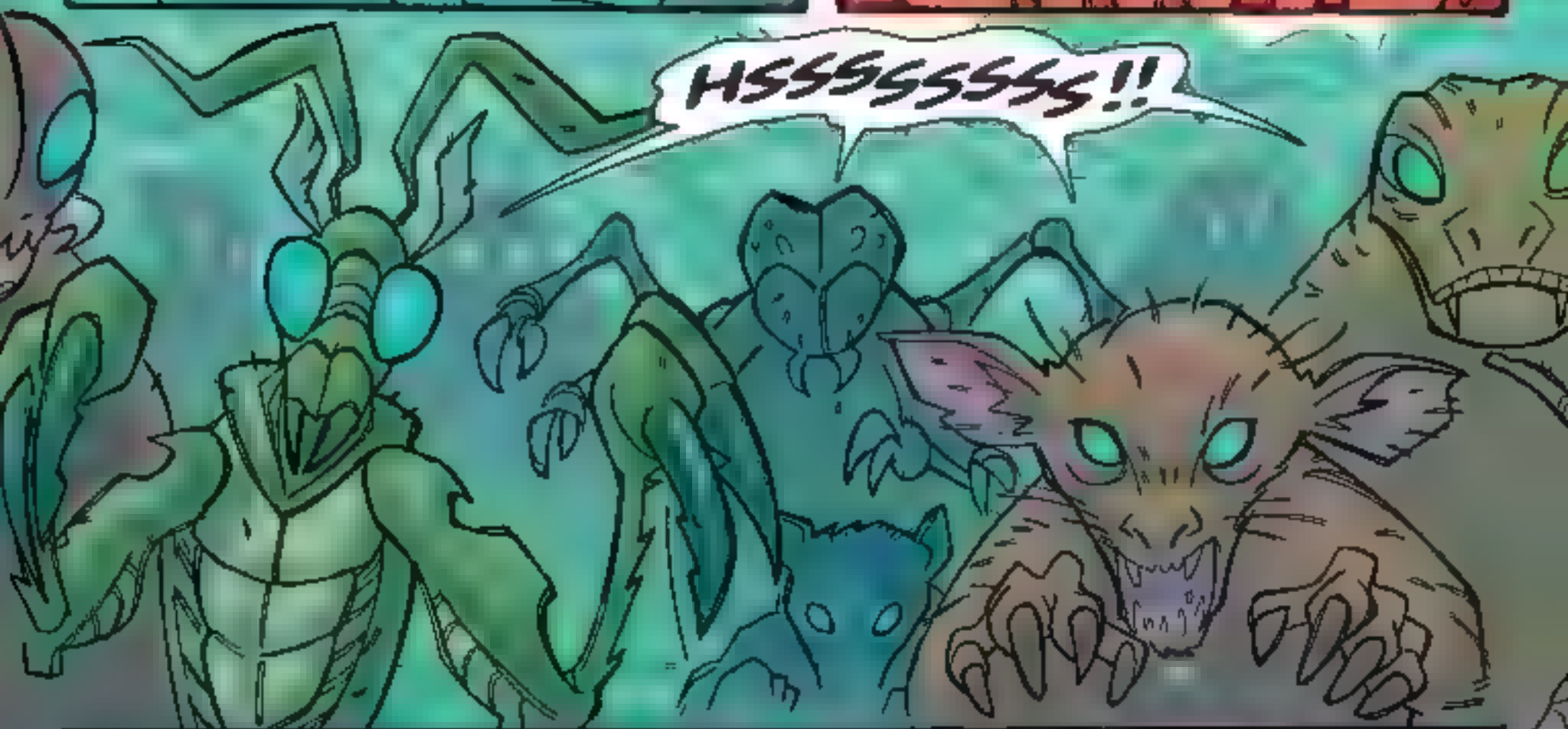


"AND LOYAL TO MY EVERY WHIM"

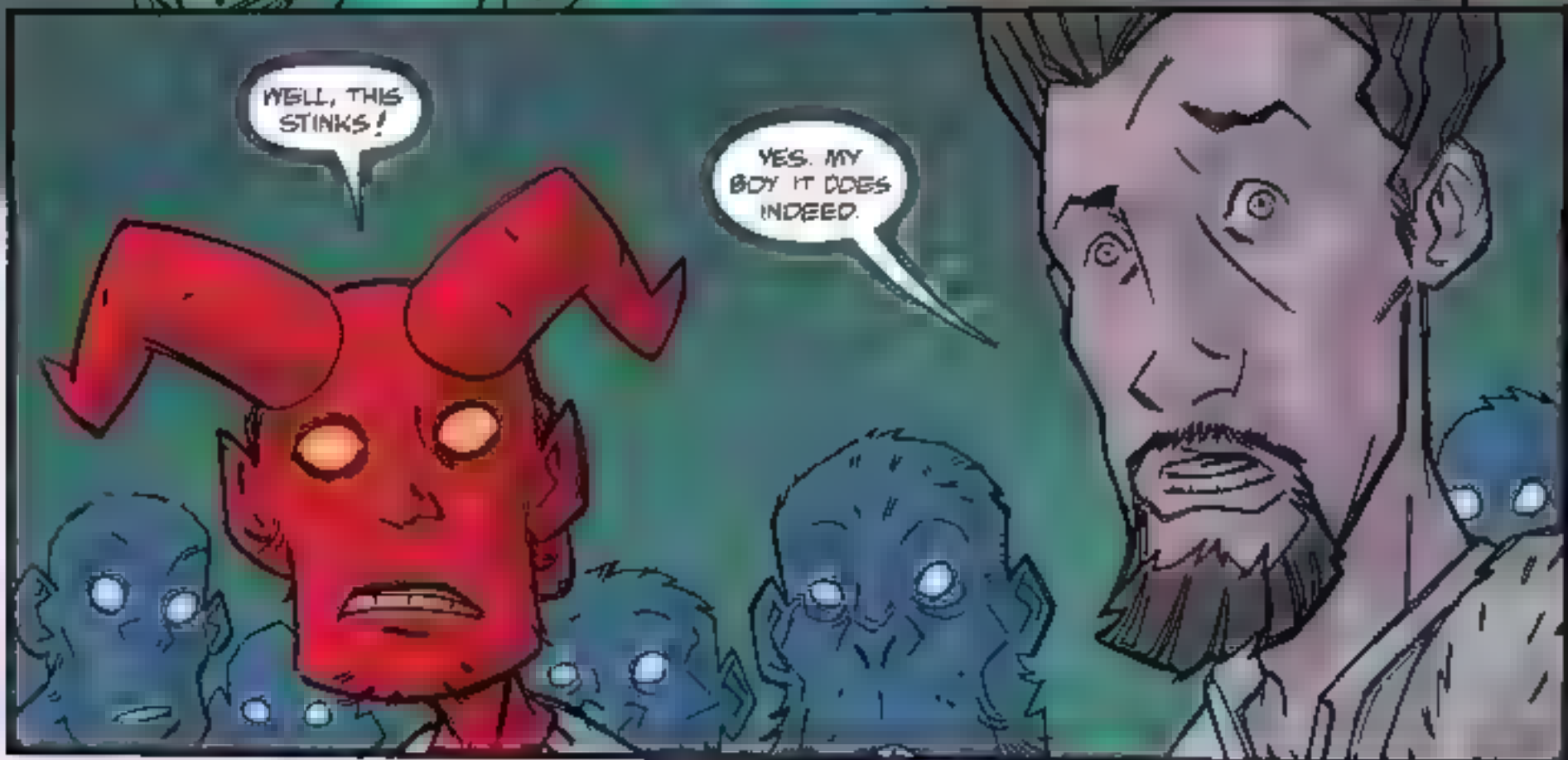


THIS IS
HOW POWER IS
WIELDED.

THIS IS
HOW MY GLORY
SHALL BE
ACHIEVED.



HSSSSSSSS!!



WELL, THIS
STINKS!

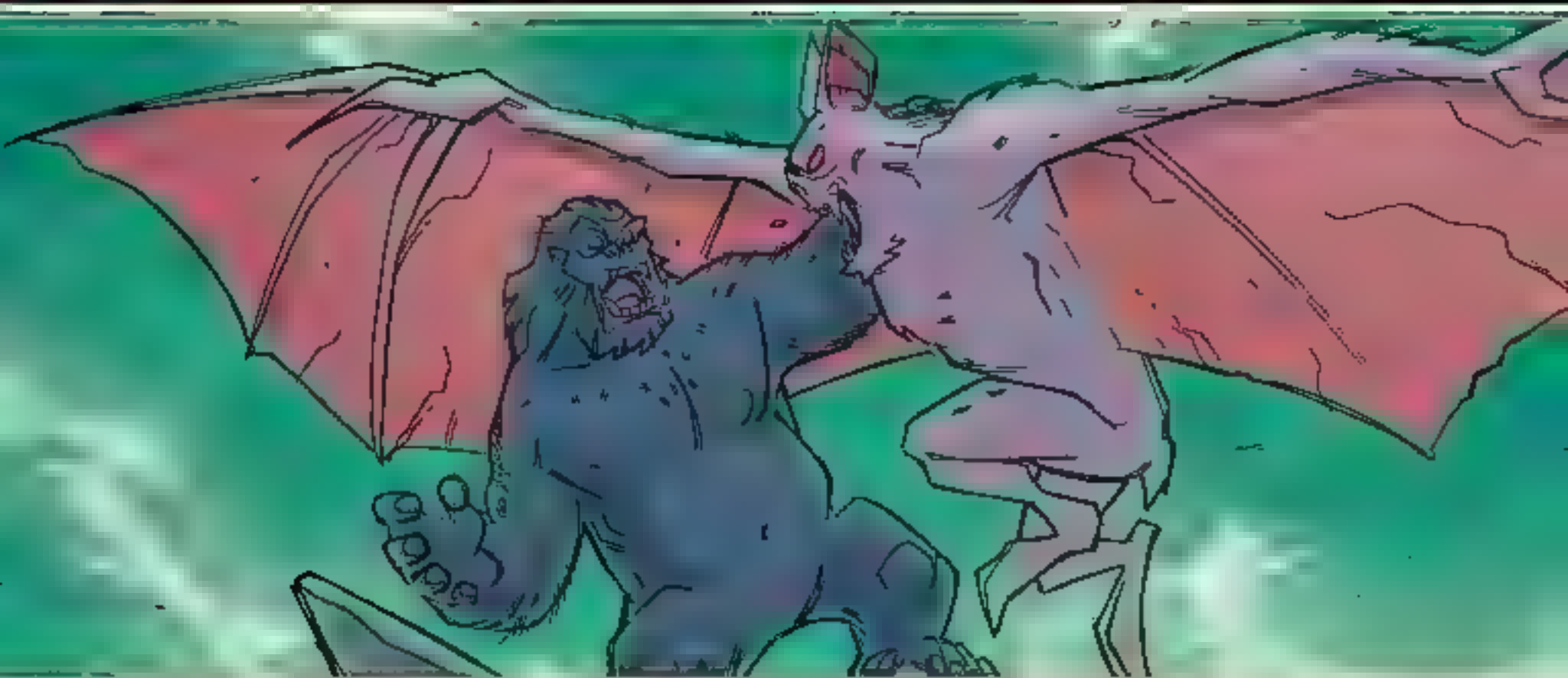
YES. MY
BOY IT DOES
INDEED.

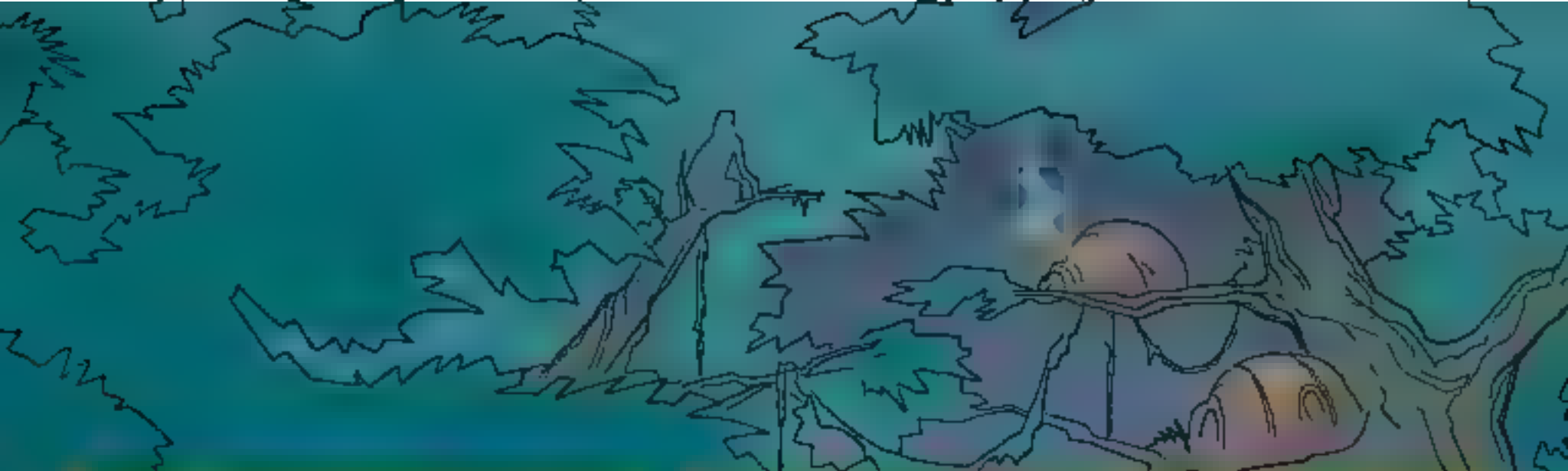


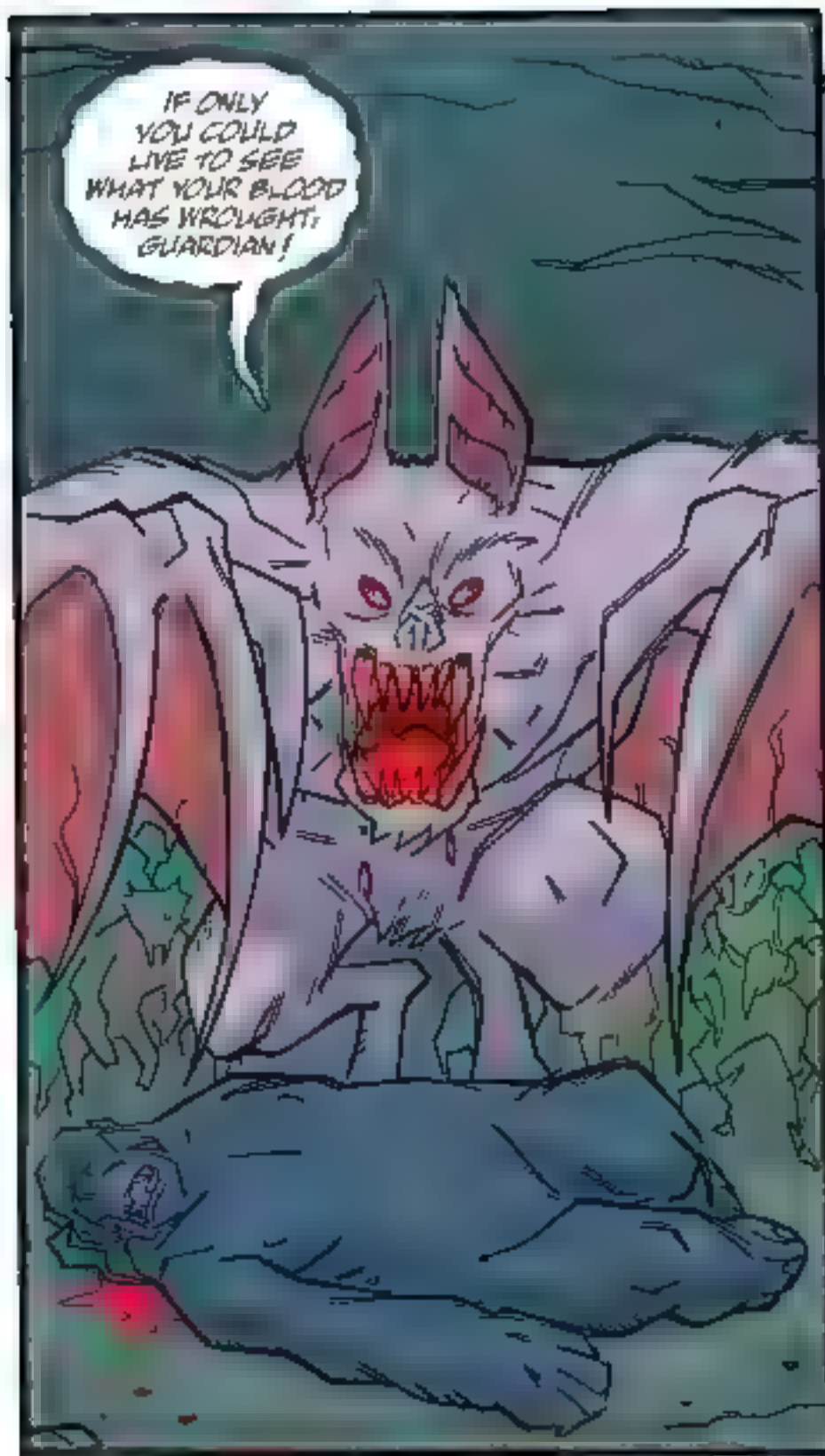
THIS IS
HOW A WORLD IS
CONQUERED!

CHAPTER FOUR









IF ONLY
YOU COULD
LIVE TO SEE
WHAT YOUR BLOOD
HAS WROUGHT,
GUARDIAN!

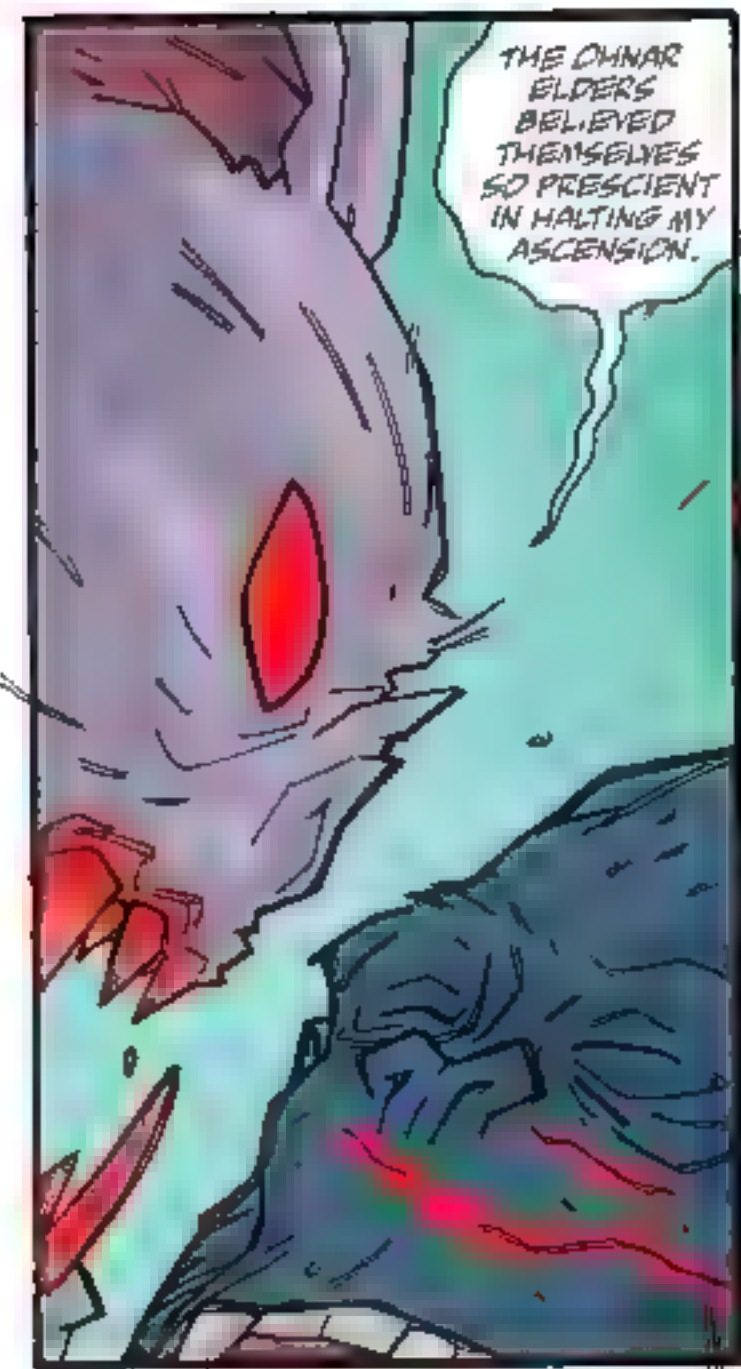


THANKS
TO YOU I WILL
BRING MY
GLORY TO THE
WORLD!

SOUNDS
LIKE BAT-
LADY'S GOT
PLANS!

IT DOES
INDEED. PLANS
BEYOND THIS
ISLAND, I
FEAR!

WE MUST
DO EVERY-
THING IN OUR
POWER TO STOP
HER!

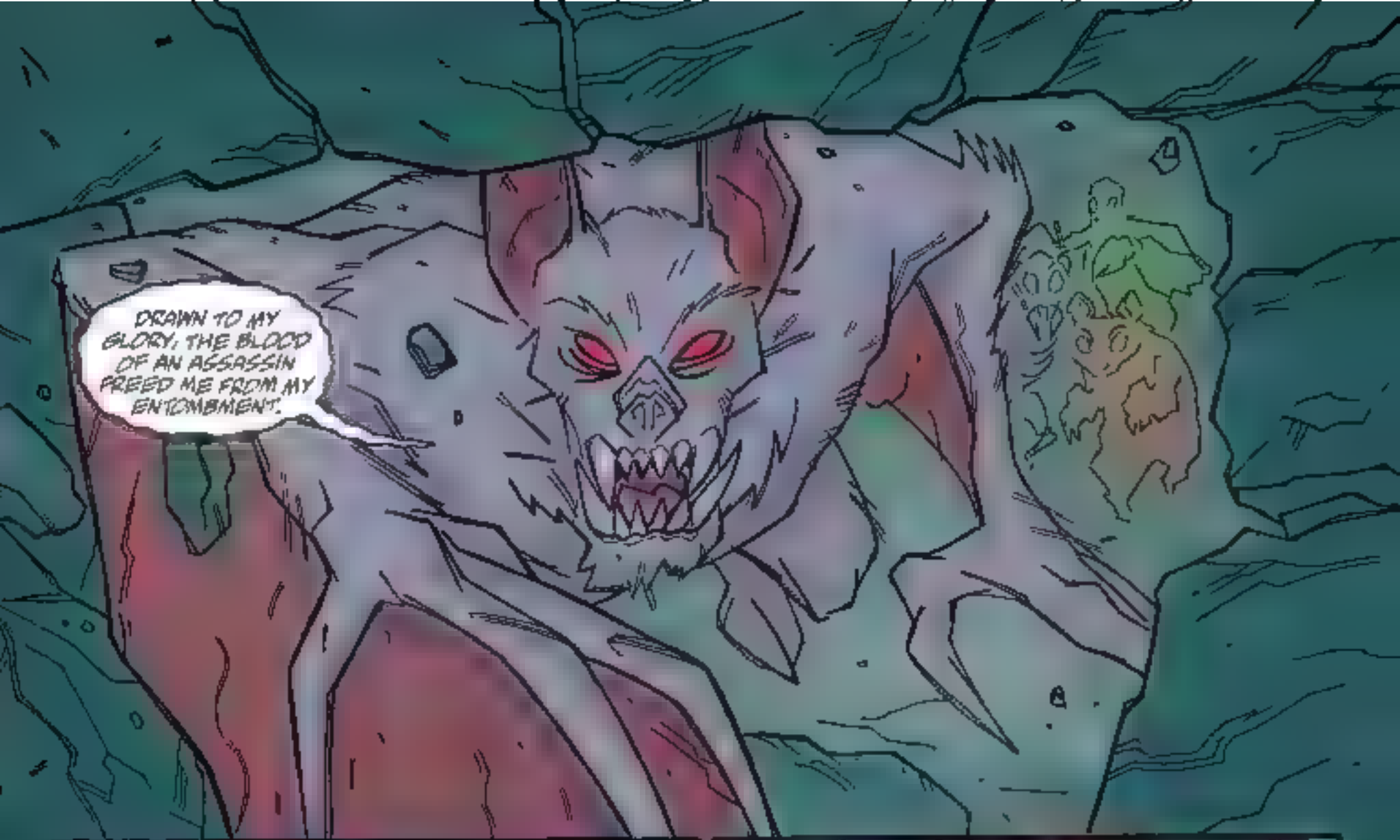


THE OMNAR
ELDERS
BELIEVED
THEMSELVES
SO PRESCIENT
IN HALTING MY
ASCENSION.

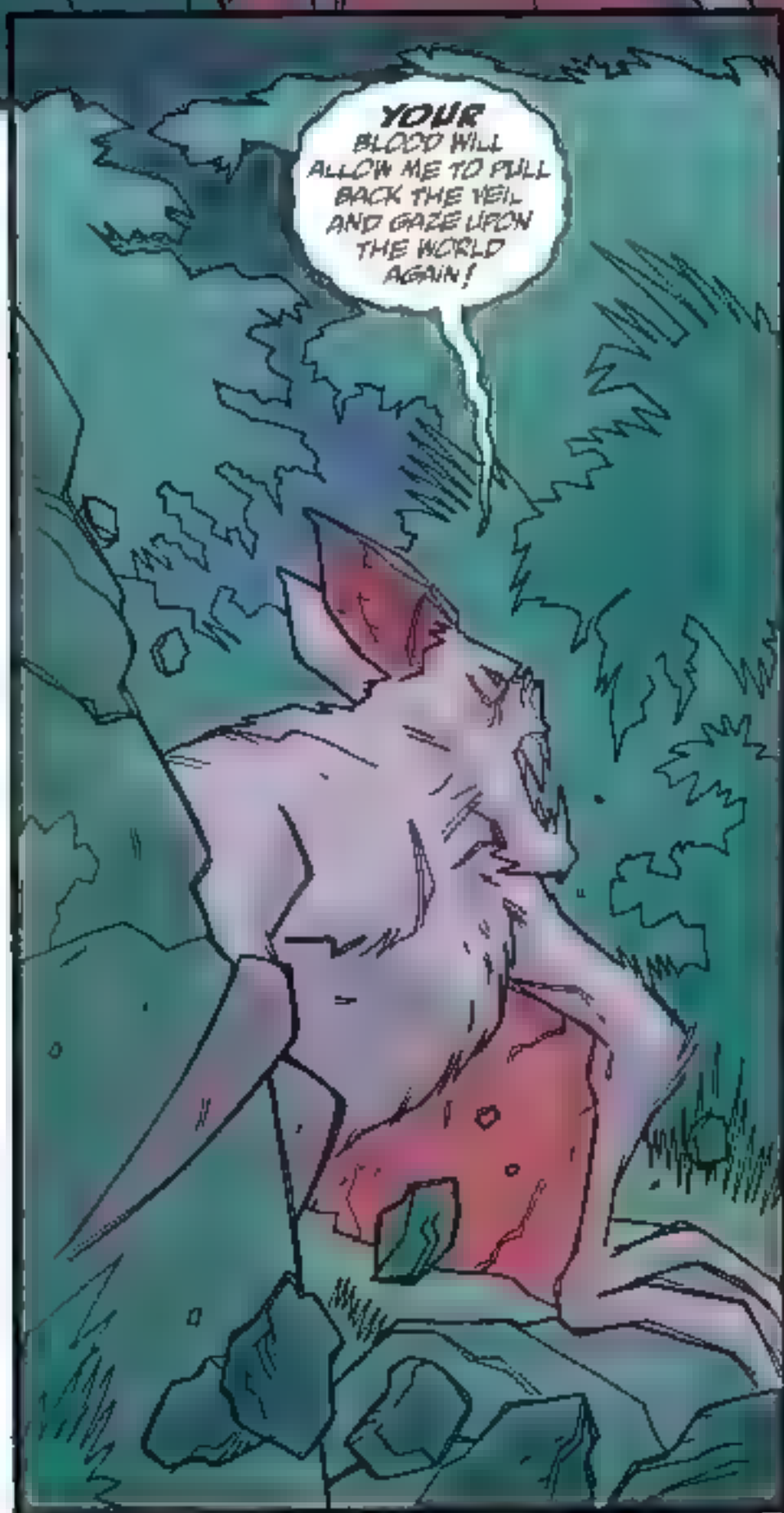


"THEY WENT SO FAR AS TO
MOVE THIS ISLAND TO
ONE OF THE ETHER REALMS.

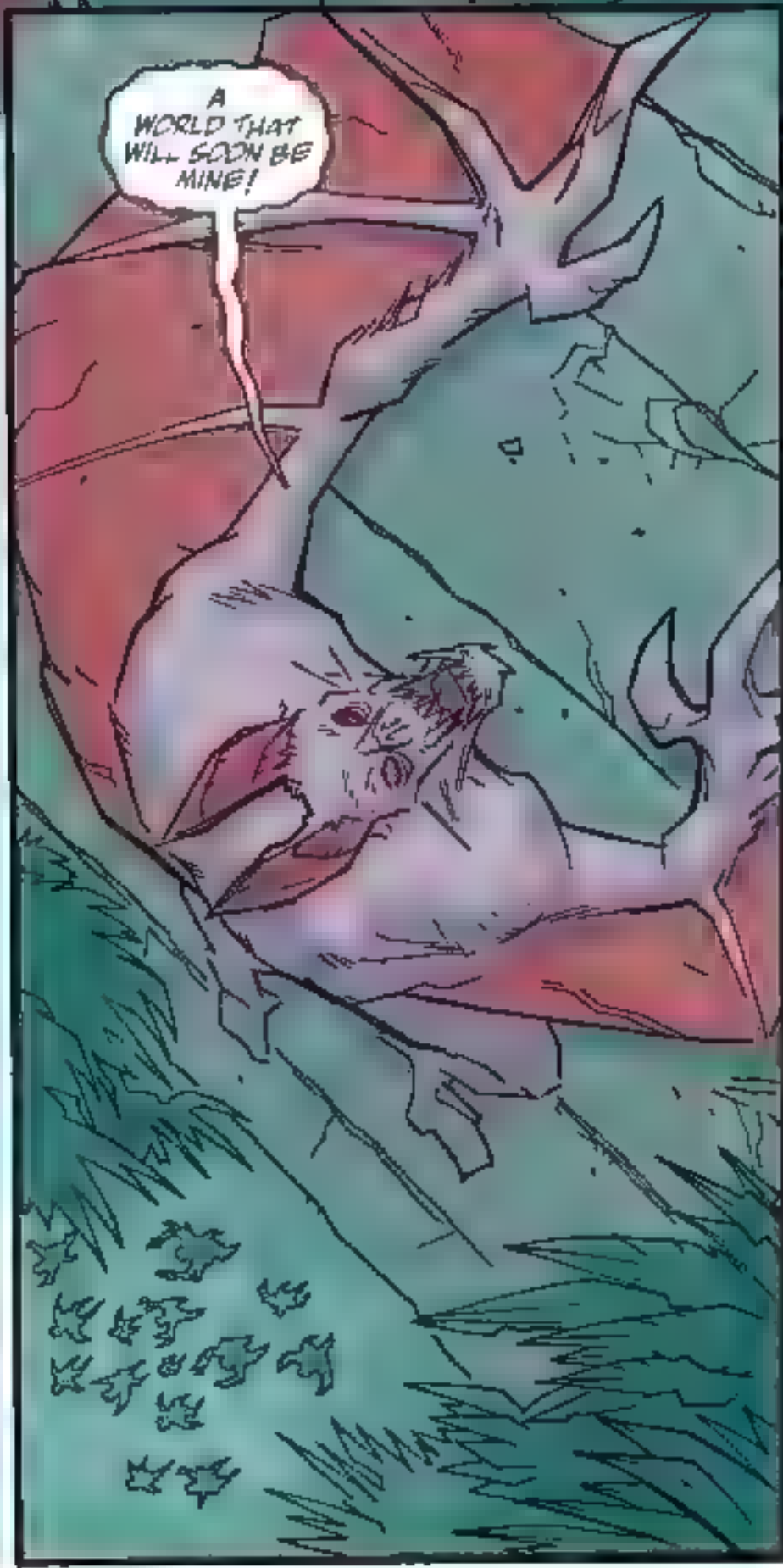
"BUT IT WAS
ALL FOR
NAUGHT."



DRAWN TO MY
GLORY, THE BLOOD
OF AN ASSASSIN
FREED ME FROM MY
ENTOMBMENT.



YOUR
BLOOD WILL
ALLOW ME TO PULL
BACK THE VEIL
AND GAZE UPON
THE WORLD
AGAIN!



A
WORLD THAT
WILL SOON BE
MINE!

DODA-
BANGA,
UN-GAAH!
TEEVA ESHAY,
BAARGADA,
UN-
GAAAH!

UN-GAAAH,
TAKKA, PHOOM!

BAARGADA
SHANTALAW,
UN-GAAAH!

DOOKA
SHA-HUKK,
UN-GAAAH.

"UN-GAAAH, DOOKA,
UN-GAAAH DA-BONDA,
BAAGARDA."

TIKKA-
VIMDA.
UN-GAAAH,
DA-BONDA.

TIKKA-
VIMDA,
UN-
GAAAH.



UNN-GAAAAHHH!

TAKE
THAT, YA
CREEPS!

DINGA
KREEPZ!

SSSTH! GURRK!
SKEEEE!

THUNKK
BONK THUD

TELL ME SHE'S OKAY
PROFESSOR!

I...
I DON'T
KNOW SHE
APPEARS
GRAVELY
HURT

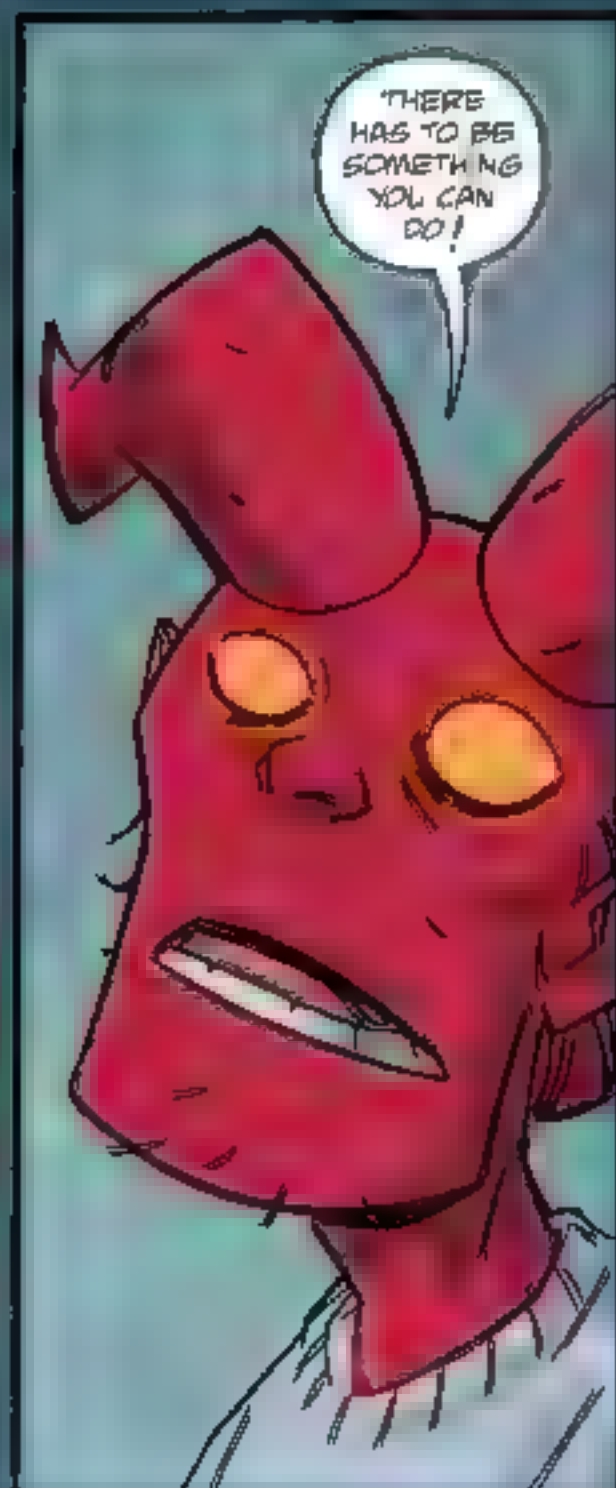


YOU
GOTTA
HELP
HER!

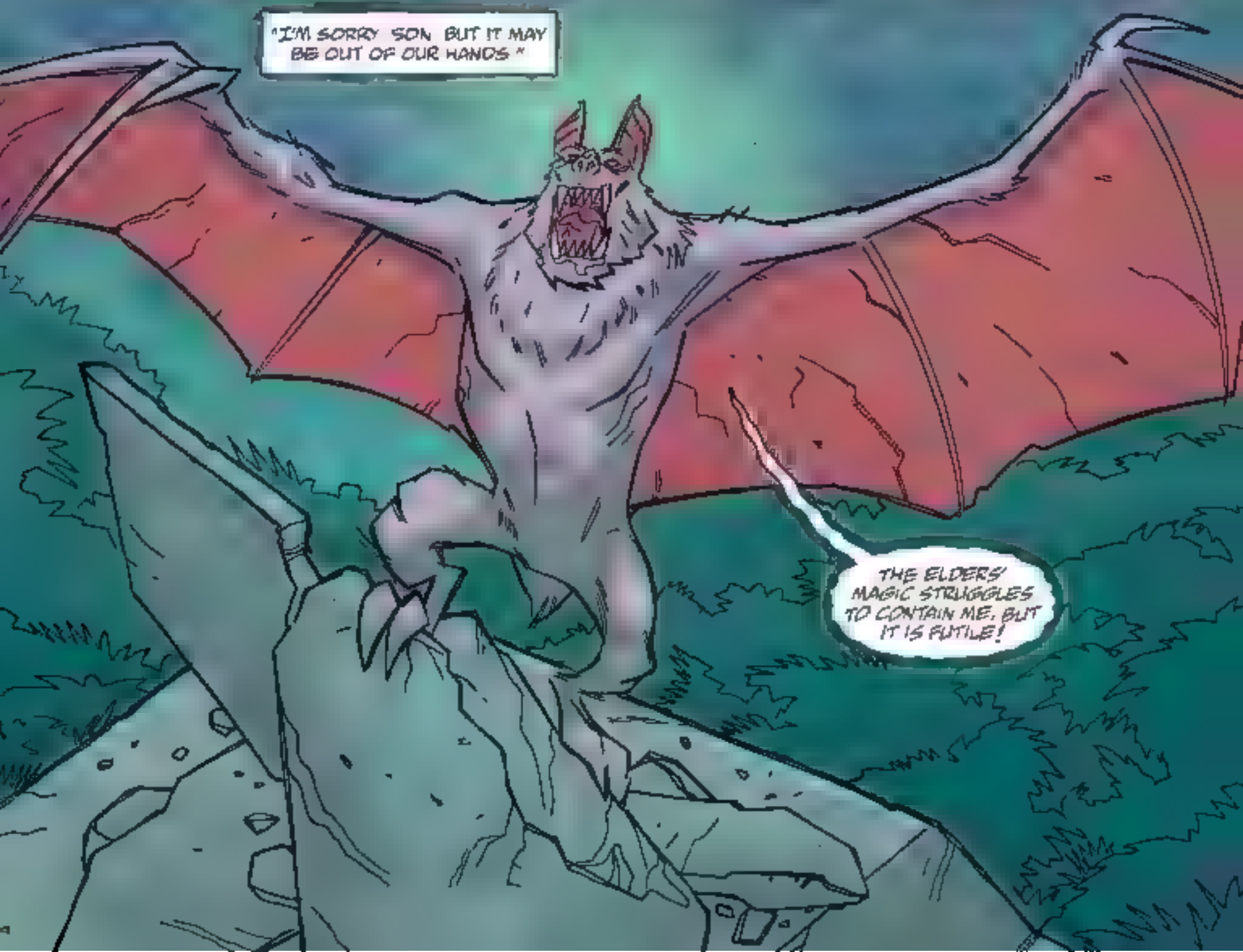
I KNOW
HELLBOY BUT
VESPERRA'S BITE
APPEARS QUITE
DEEP



YOU'LL
BE ALL RIGHT
SCARLETT! WE'RE
GONNA MAKE YOU
BETTER!

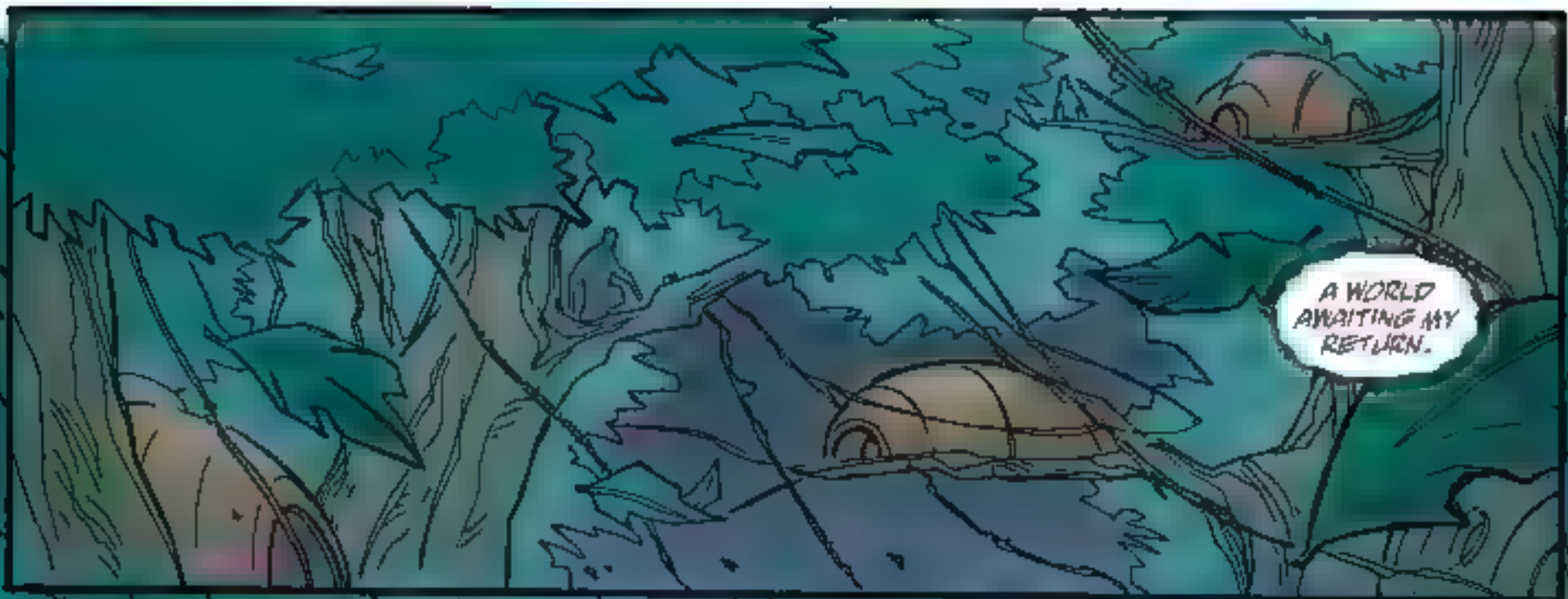
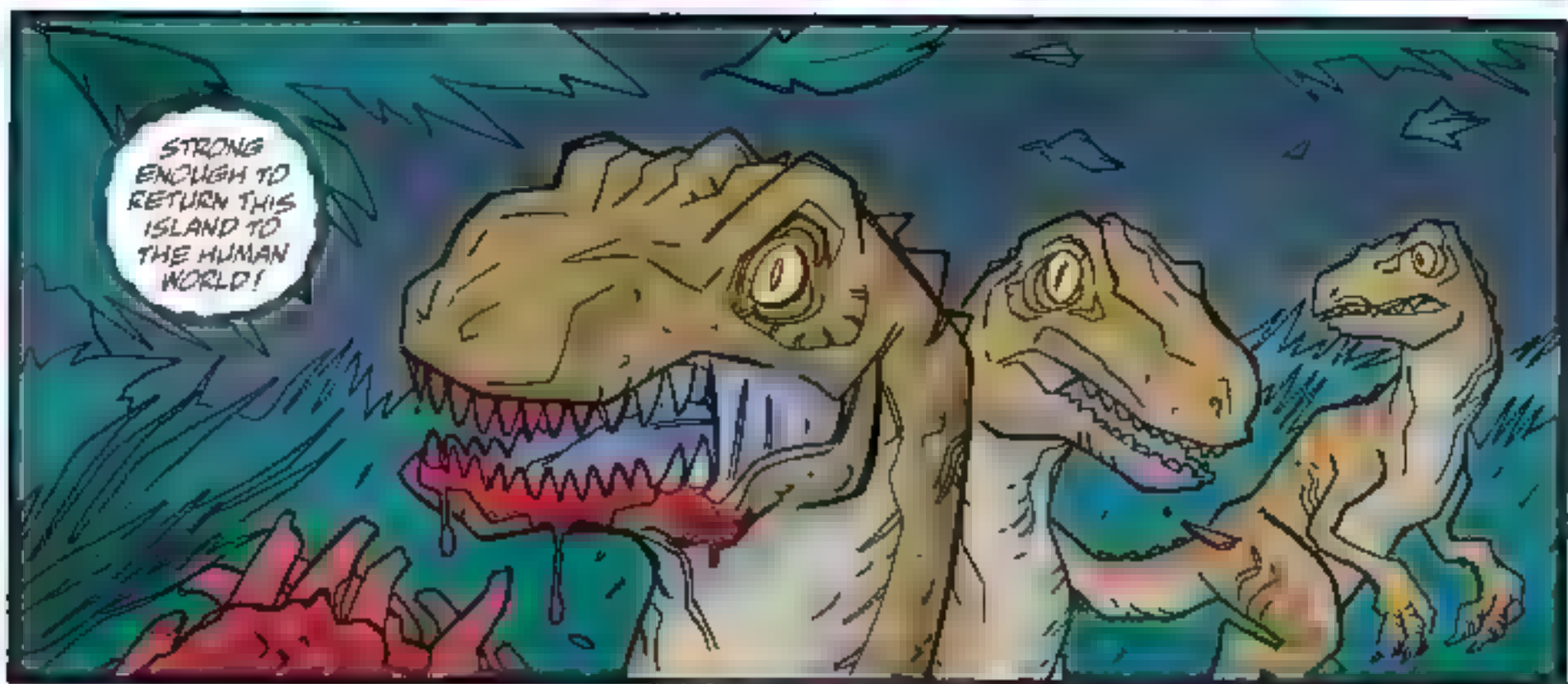
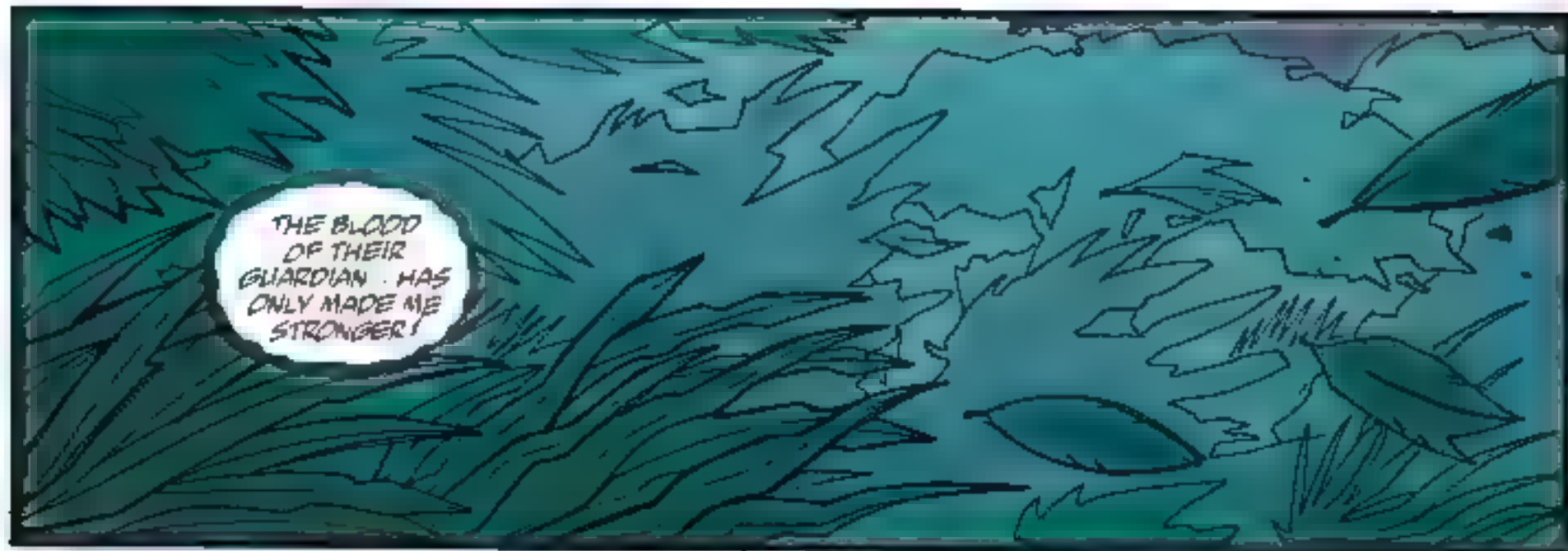


THERE
HAS TO BE
SOMETHING
YOU CAN
DO!

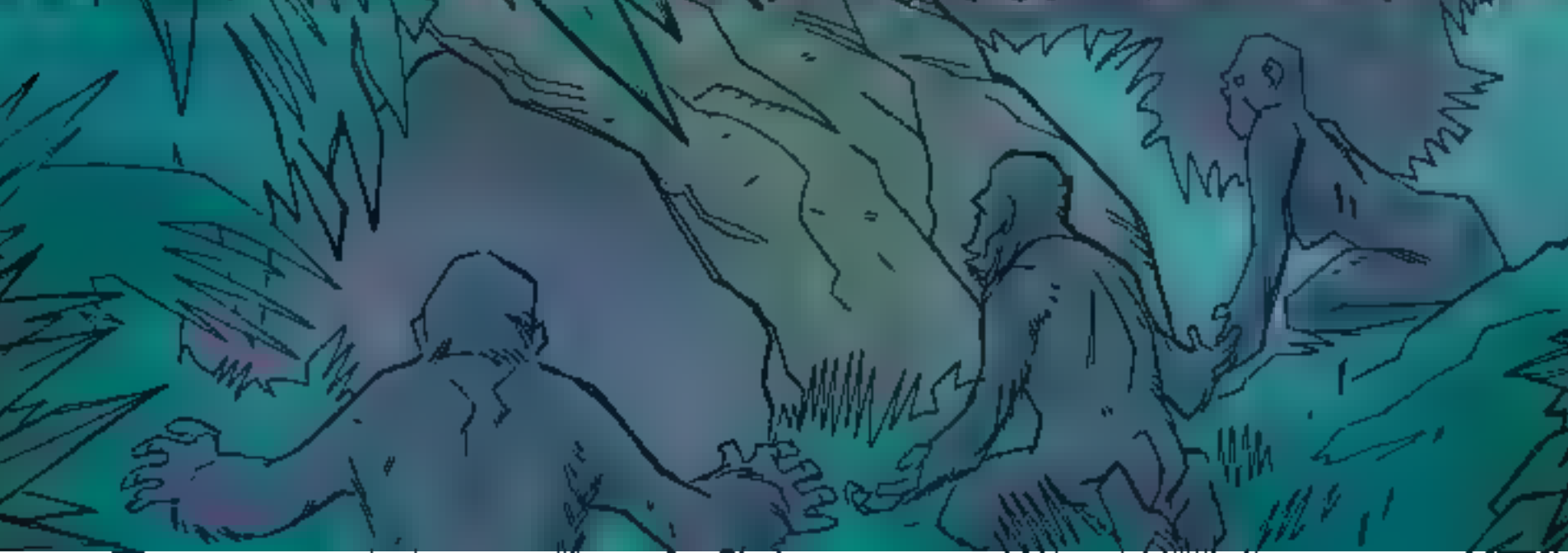


"I'M SORRY SON BUT IT MAY
BE OUT OF OUR HANDS "

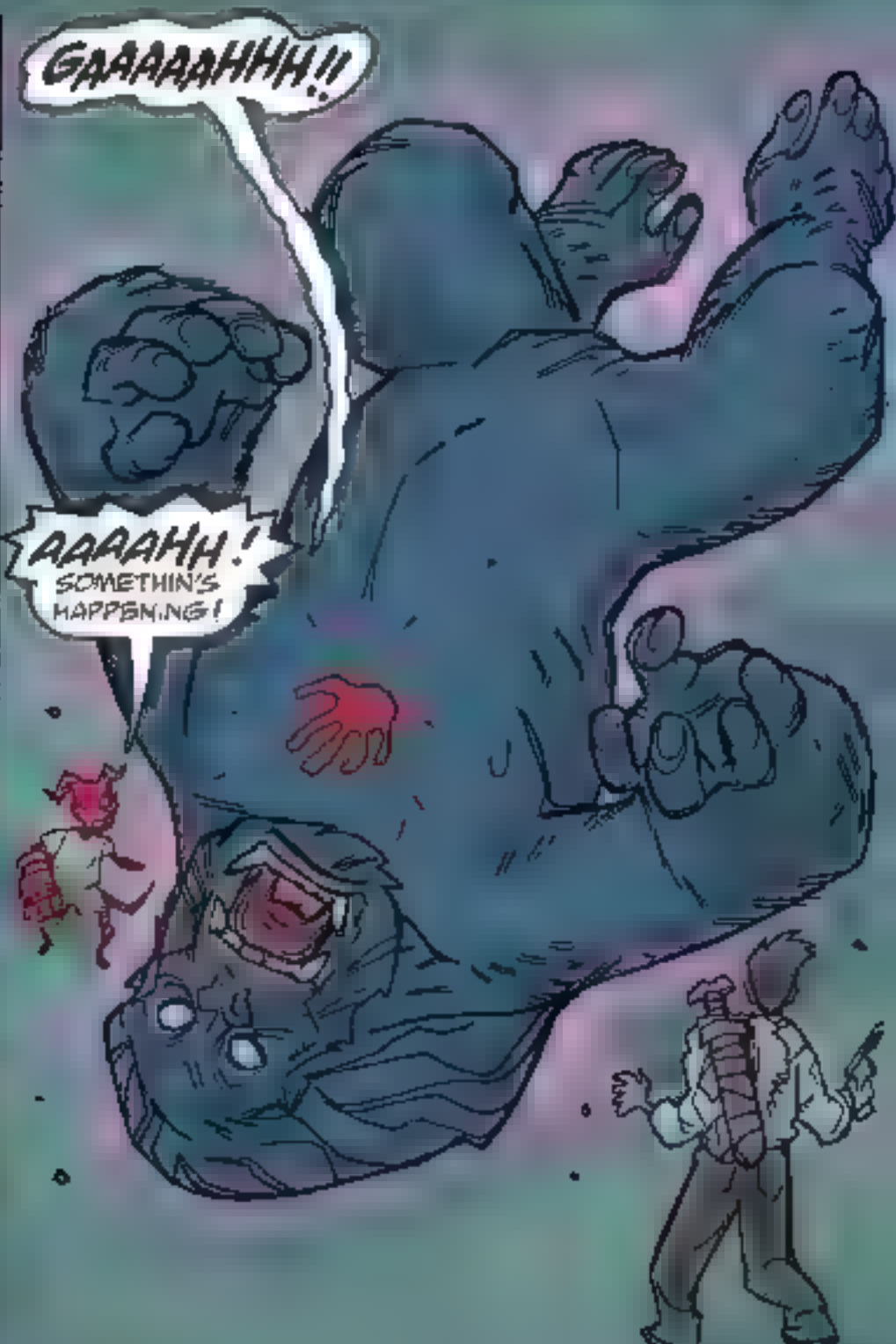
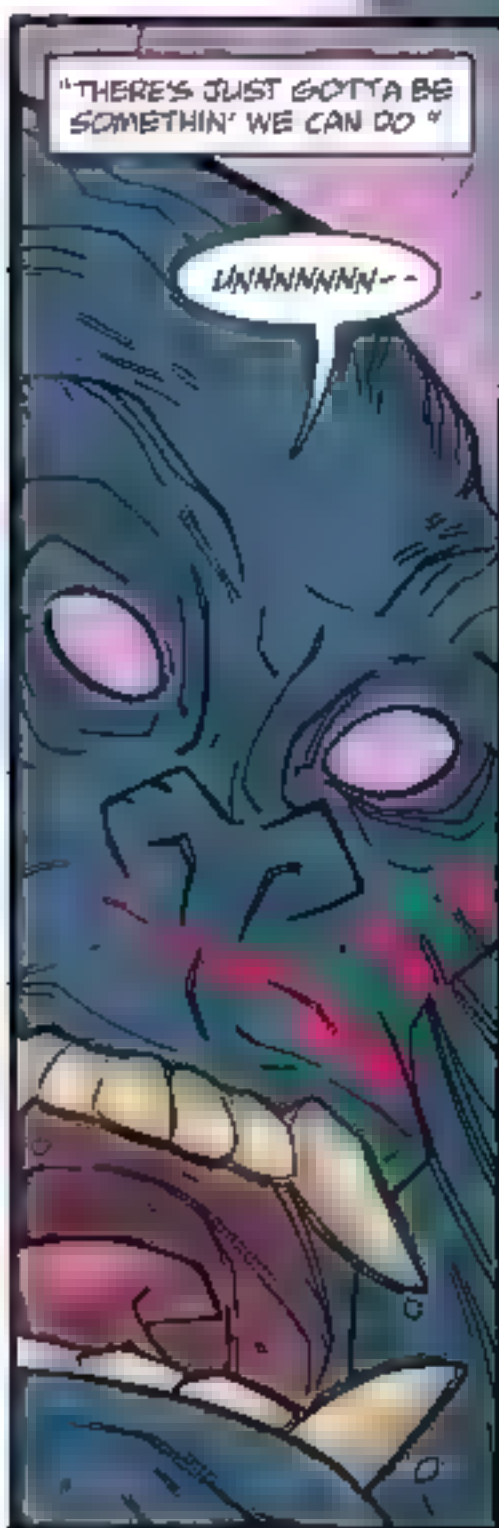
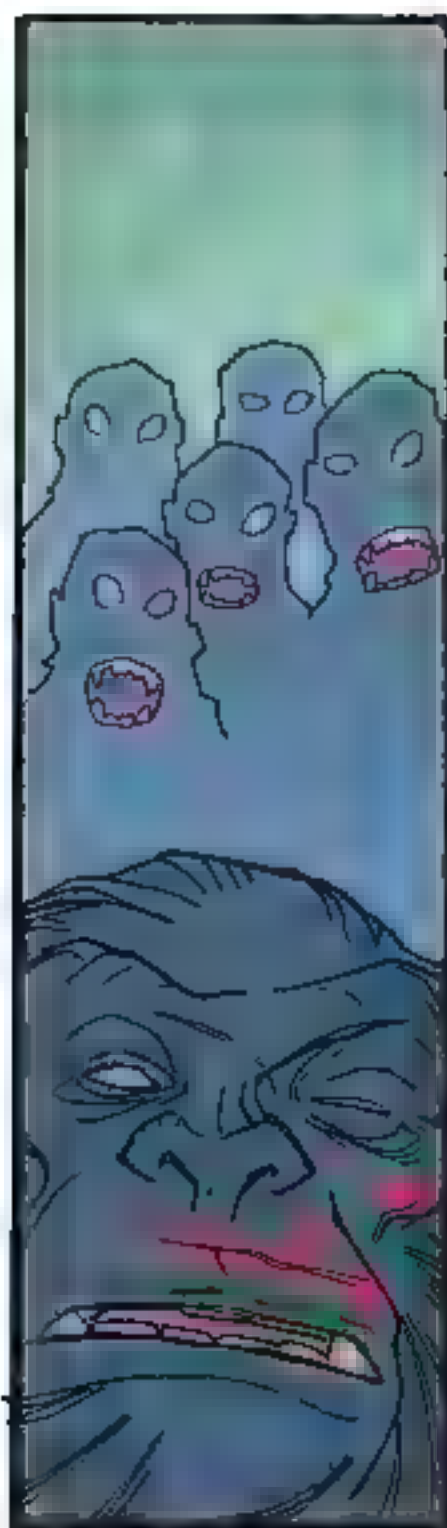
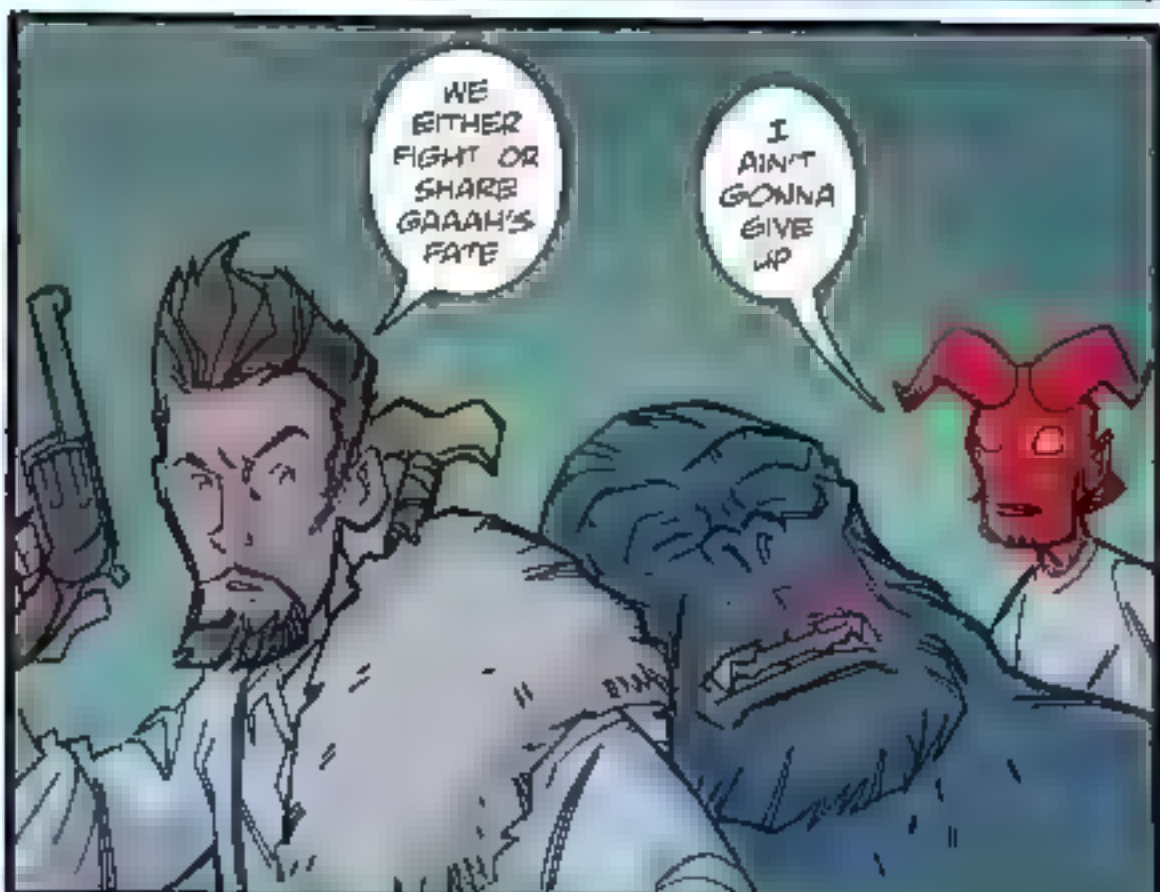
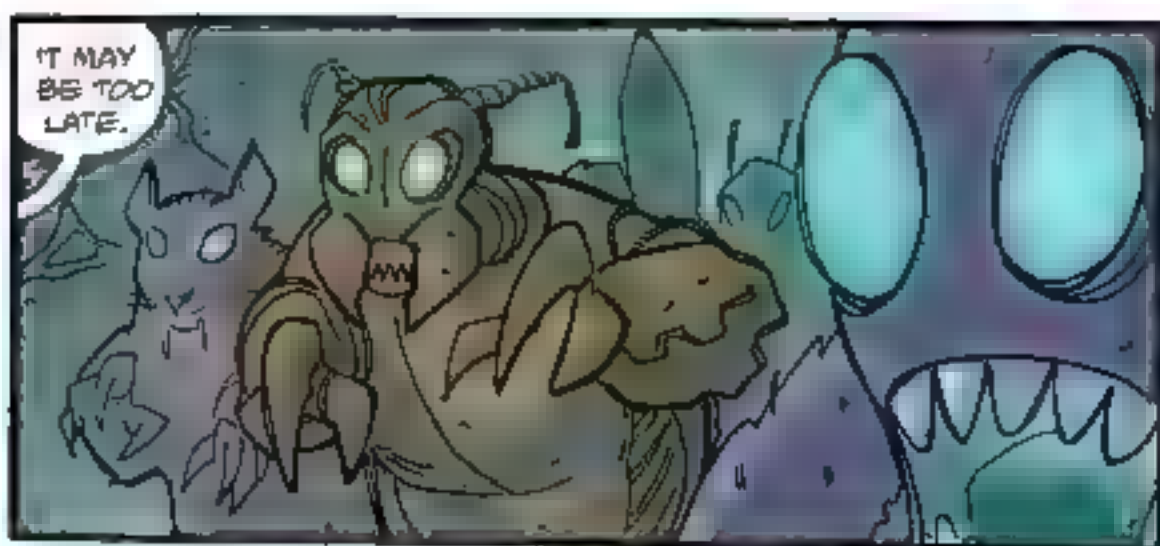
THE ELDERS'
MAGIC STRUGGLES
TO CONTAIN ME, BUT
IT IS FUTILE!



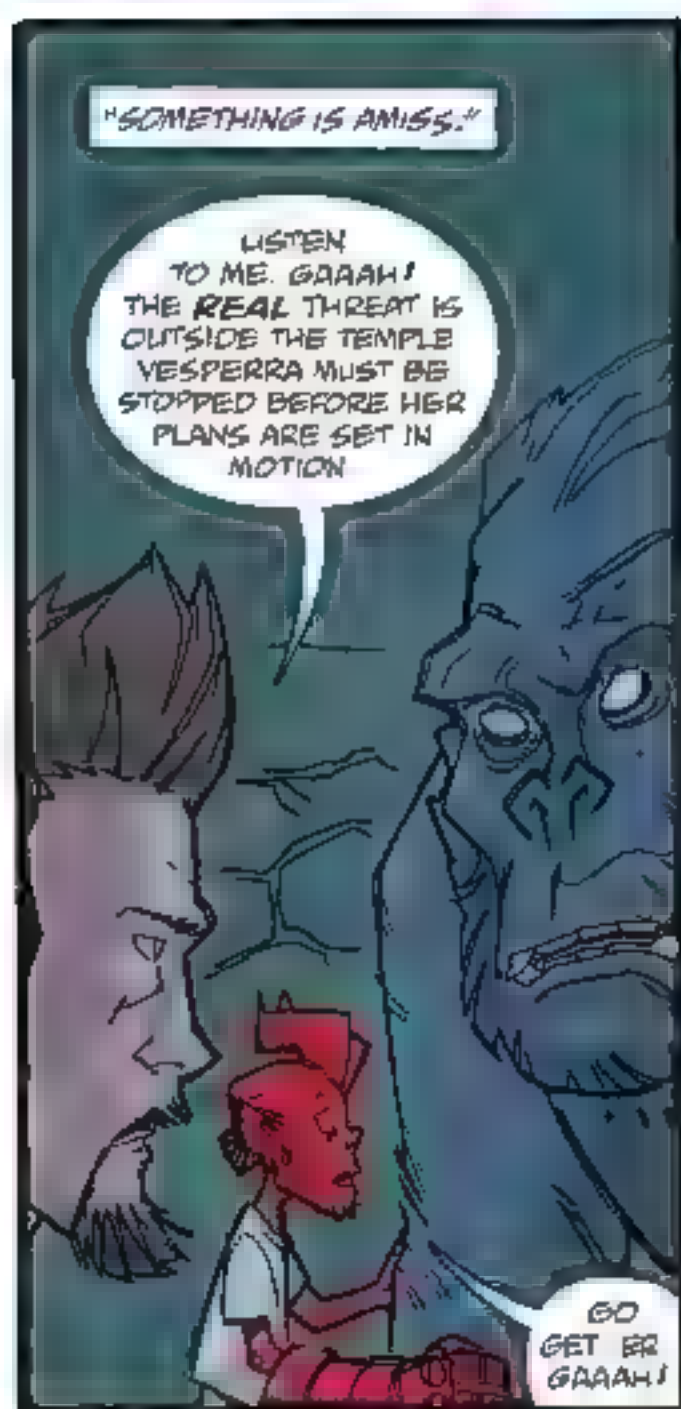
UN-GAAAH DA BONDA! UN-GAAAAAADAHHHHH!













"OUTSIDE THE
TEMPLE, VESPERRA
WAS UP TO SOME
SERIOUS NO GOOD

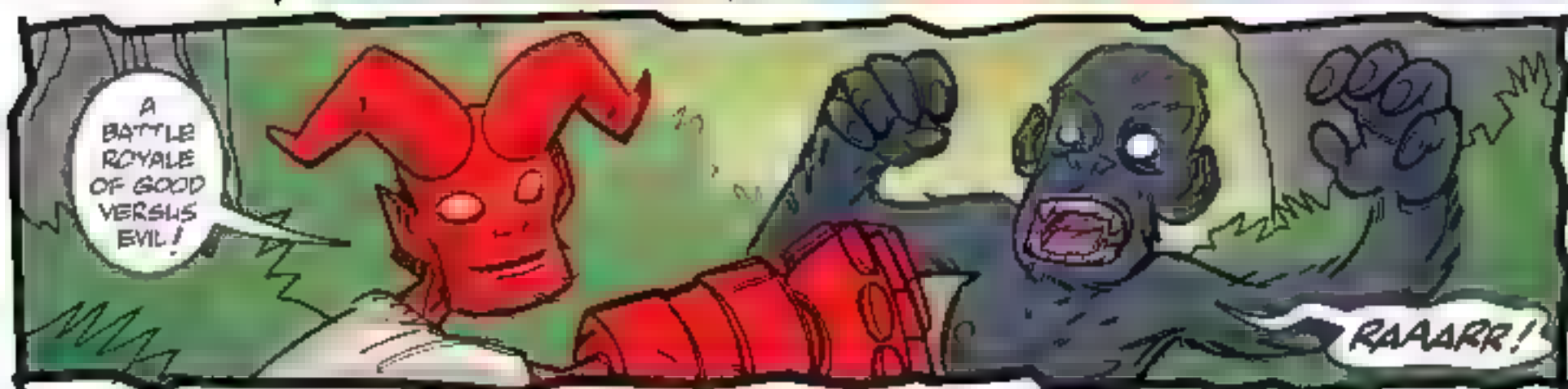
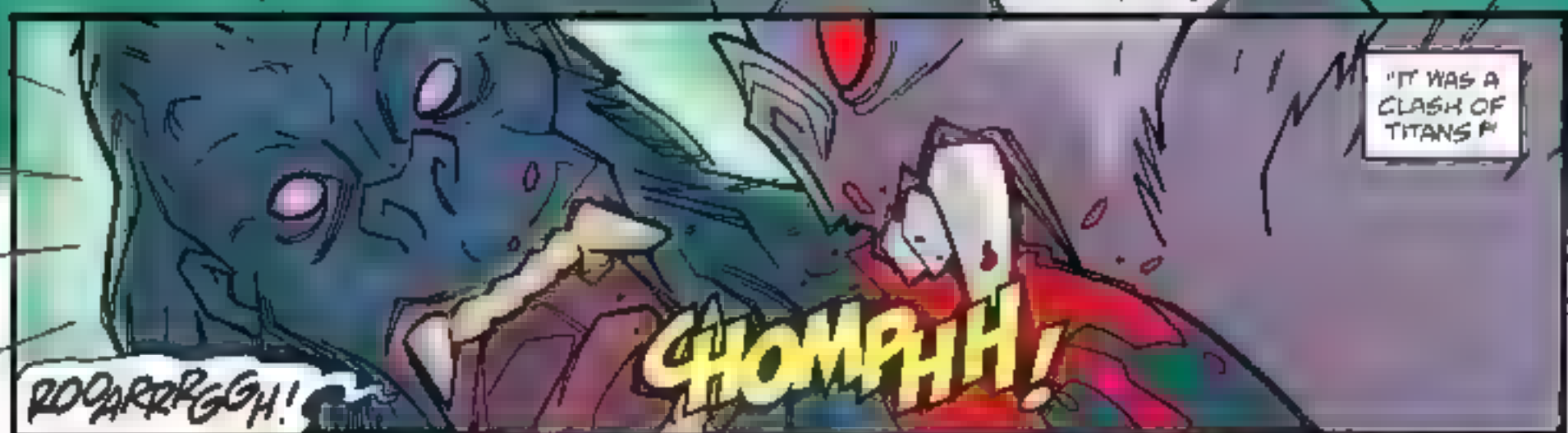
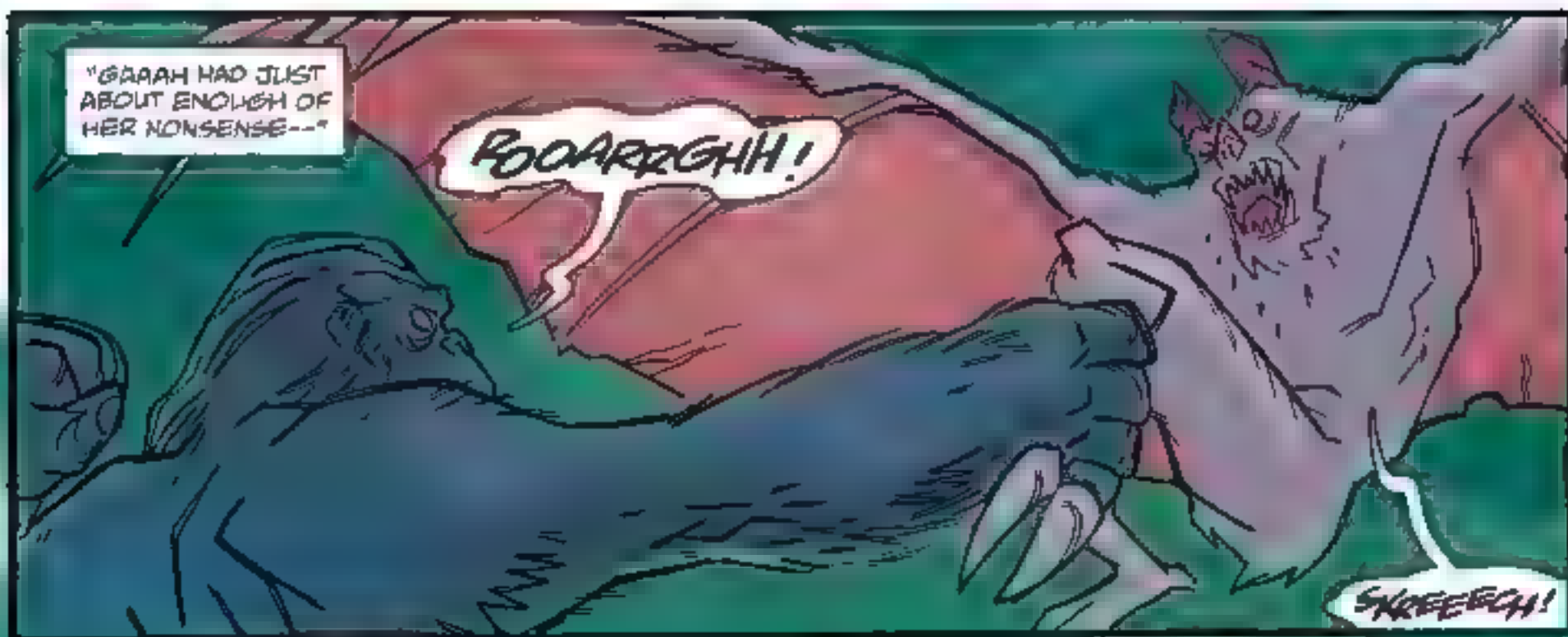
"THE PROFESSOR
SAID SHE WAS
WORKIN' ON GETTIN'
RID OF THE SPELLS
THAT KEPT THE
ISLAND HIDDEN"

AND
I THINK
SHE WOULD'A
DONE IT,
TOO!



F
GAAAH
HADN'T GOT
THERE IN THE
NICK OF
TIME!







"AND TO THE VICTOR--"

ROARAHH!

SSSSSS!!

--THE SPOILS!

TOH-NEEGAH!

SKREEEE!

CHOMP

"VESPERRA
DIDN'T STAND
A CHANCE!"

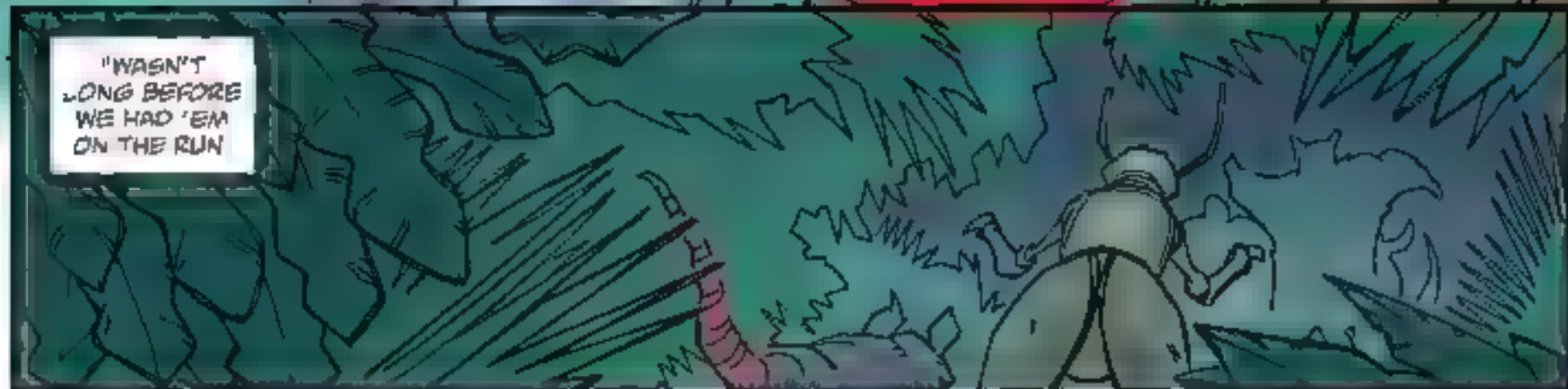
DA-BANGA!



"WITHOUT VESPERA
TO EGGS 'EM ON THE
REST OF HER CREEPY
ARMY GOT THE FIGHT
KNOCKED OUT OF 'EM



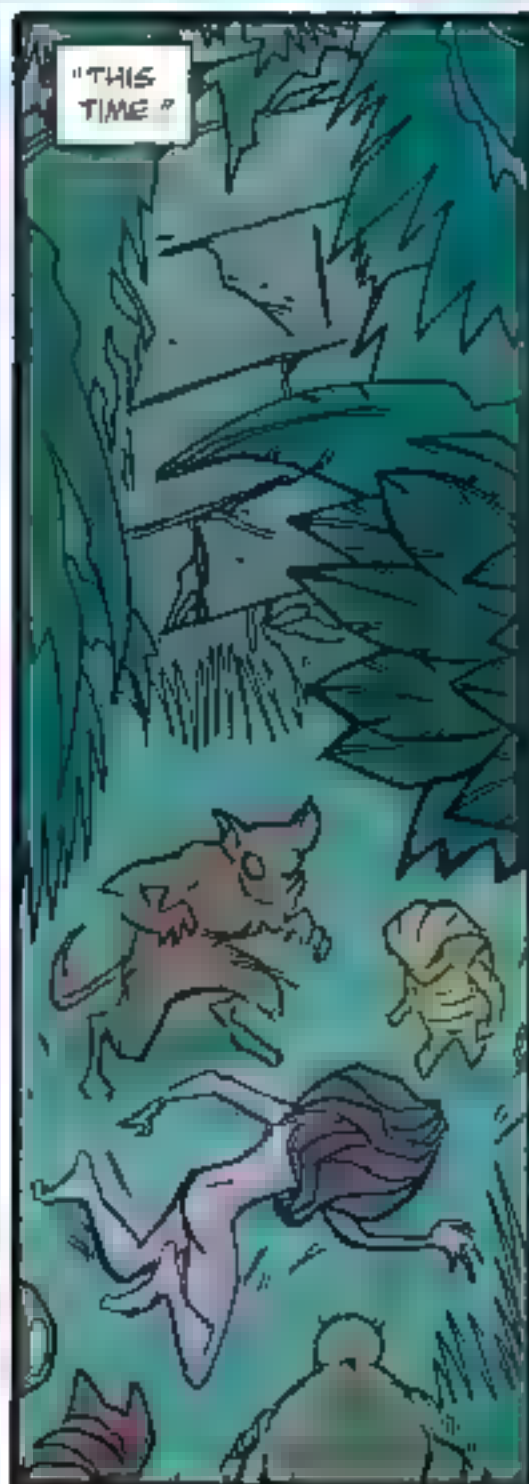
"WASN'T
LONG BEFORE
WE HAD 'EM
ON THE RUN



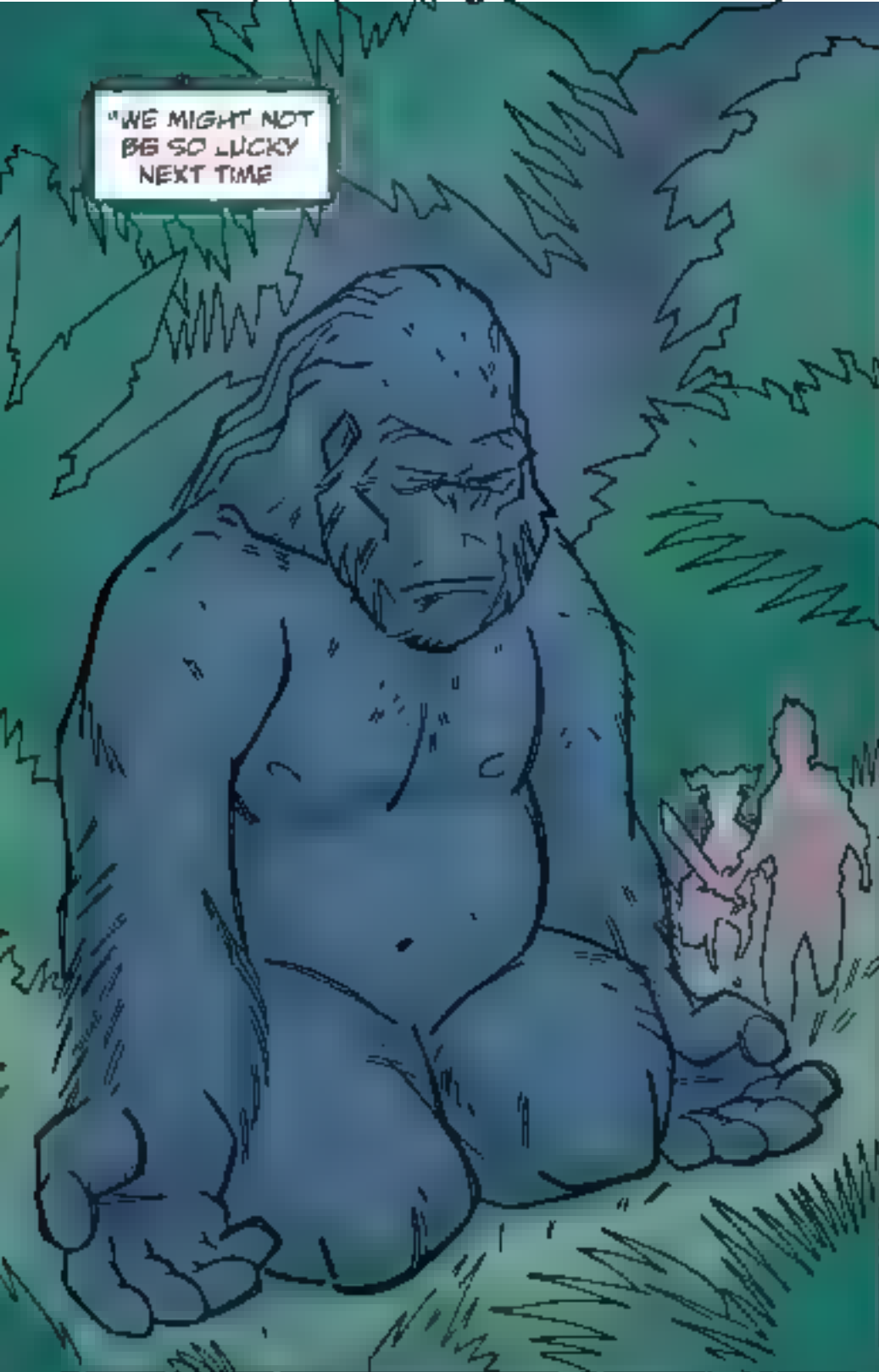
"BUT THE
GOOD GUYS
WON



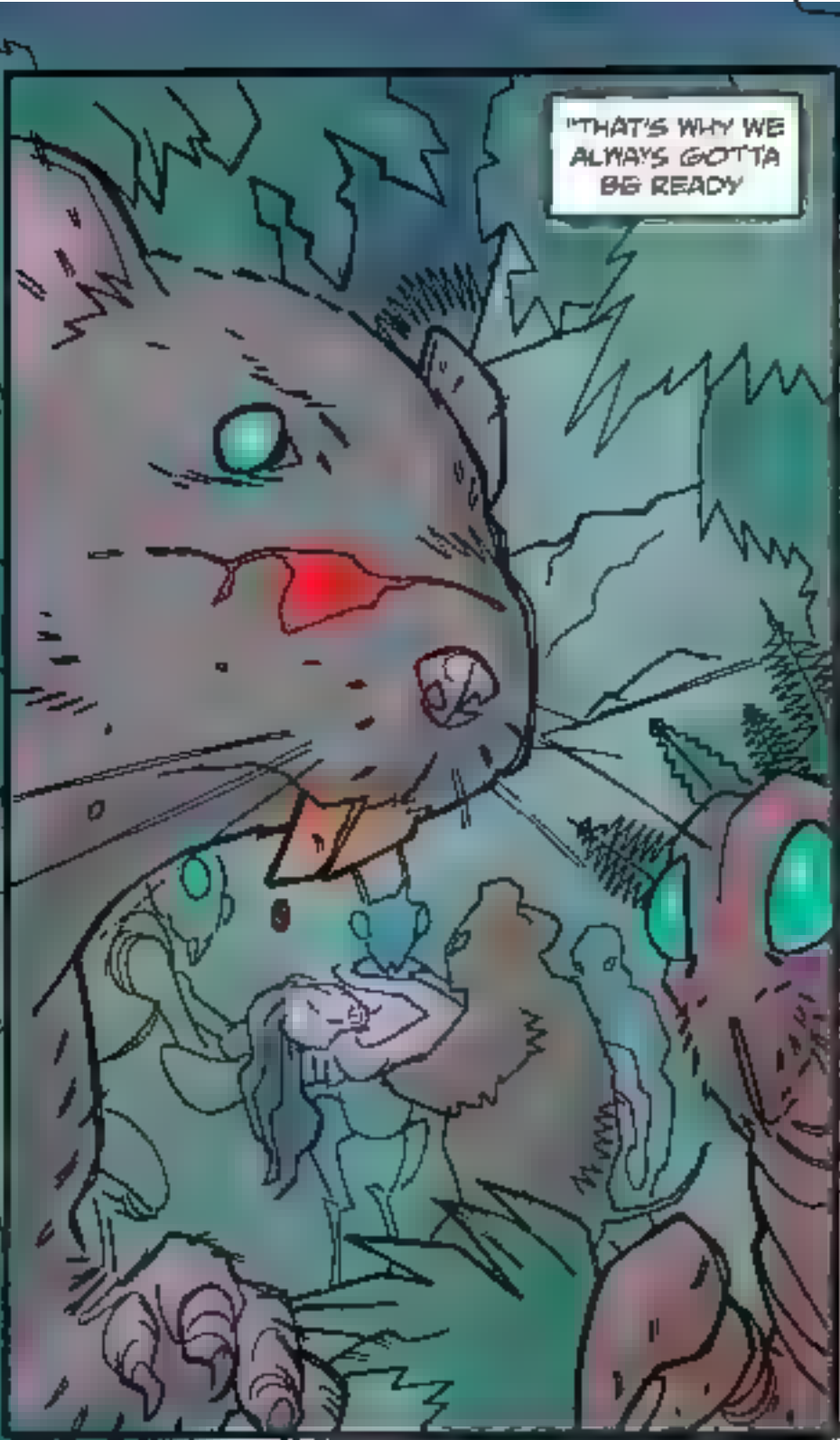
"THIS
TIME "



"WE MIGHT NOT
BE SO LUCKY
NEXT TIME



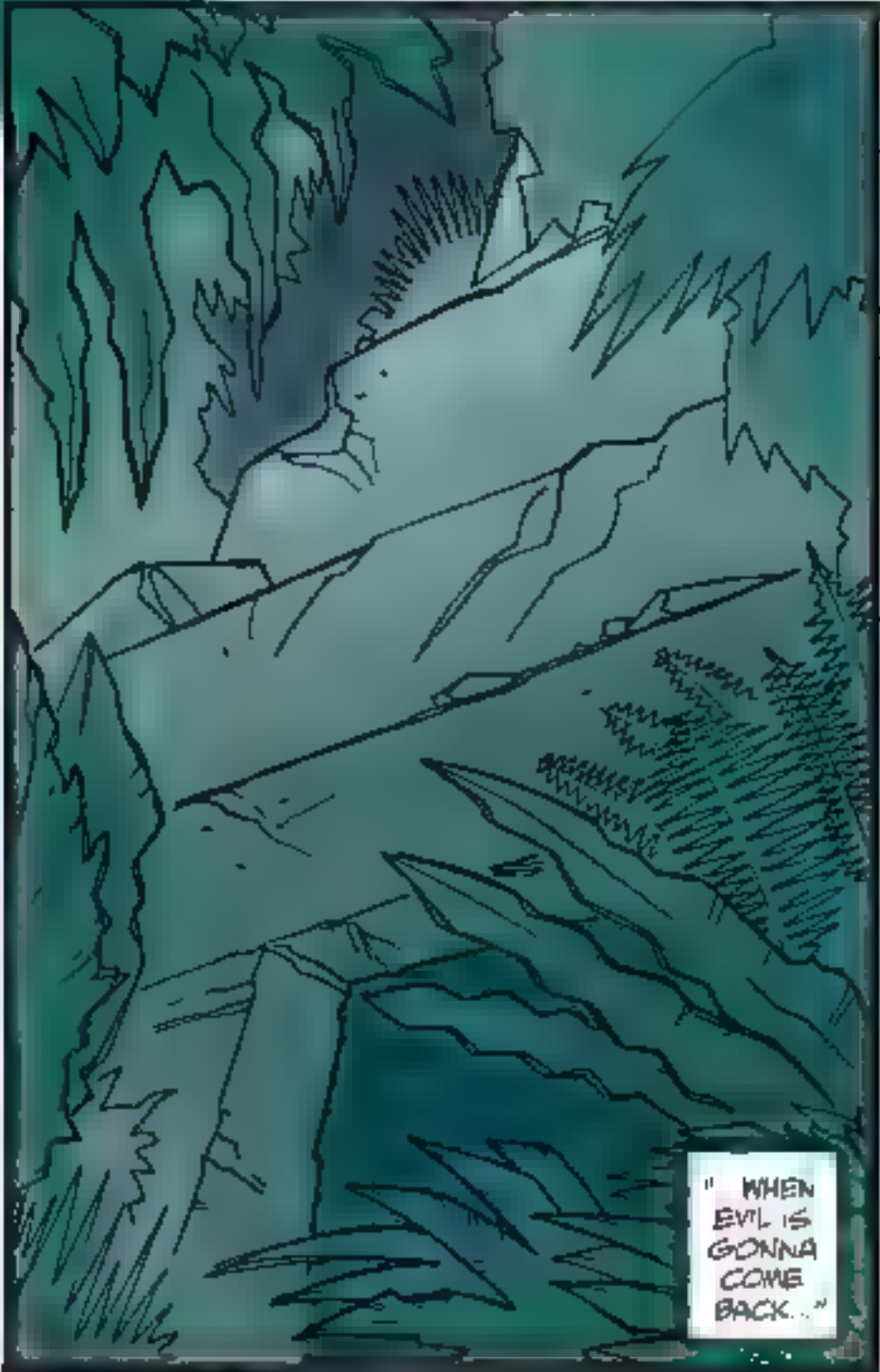
"THAT'S WHY WE
ALWAYS GOTTA
BE READY

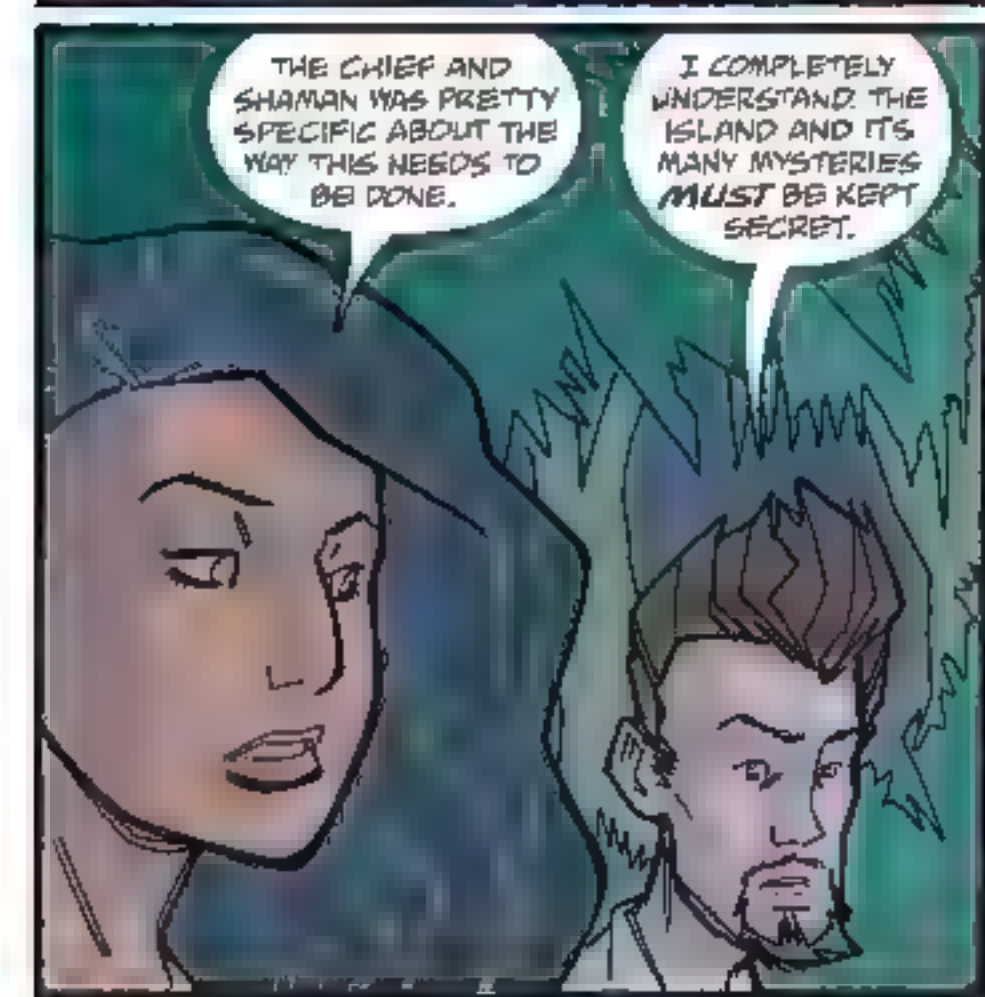
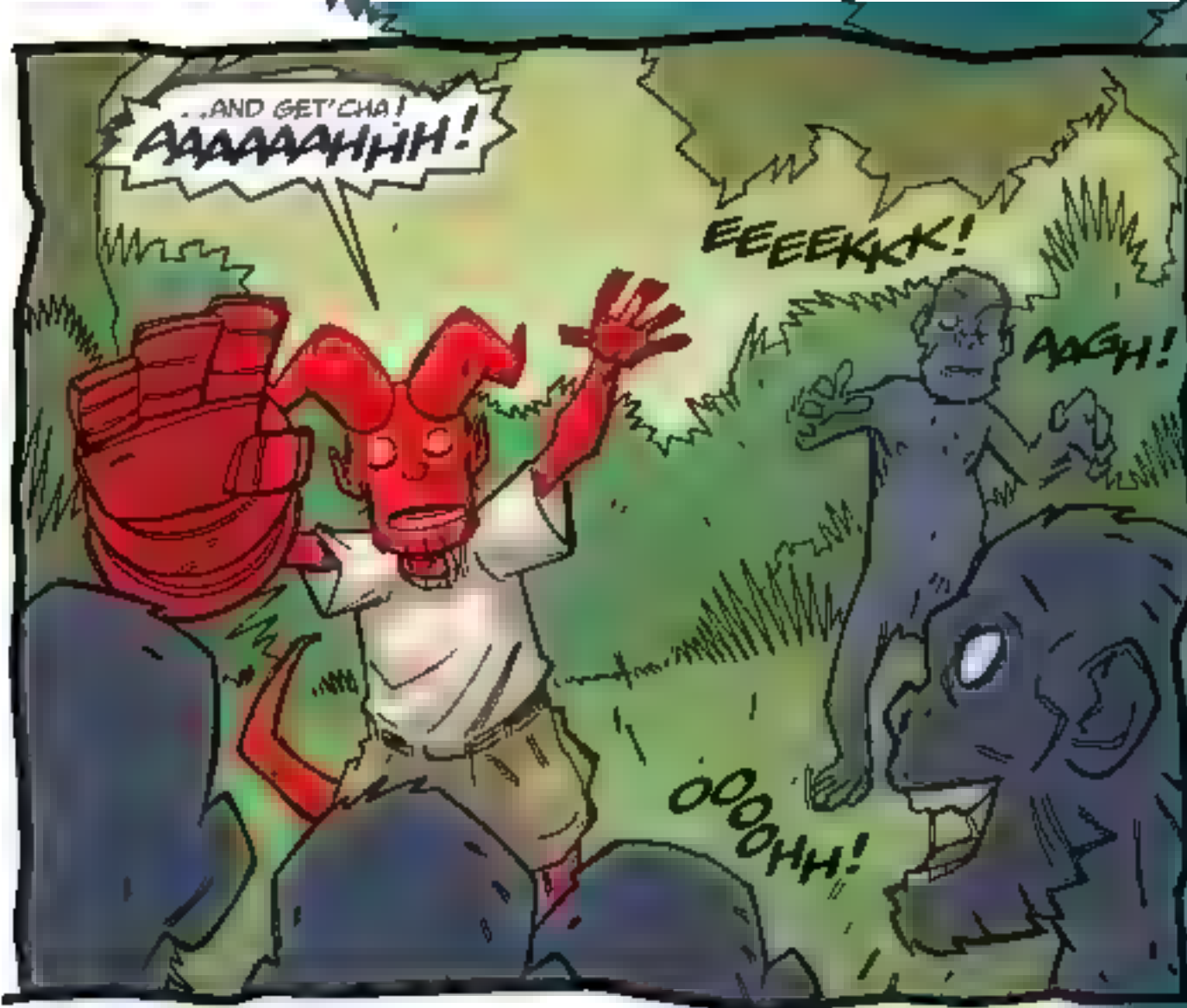


"'CAUSE YOU
NEVER KNOW



" WHEN
EVIL IS
GONNA
COME
BACK..."









THIS AIN'T GONNA HURT IS IT?

POOOFFH



NOPE FROM WHAT THE SHAMAN SAYS YOU'LL DRIFT OFF INTO DEEP SLEEP, AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP, IT'LL BE LIKE THE PAST FEW DAYS DIDN'T EVEN HAPPEN

DA-BONDA, BAAGARDA! DA-BONDA, BAAGARDA! UN-GAAAH, SHANTALAW! UN-GAAAH, SHANTALAW DHOOM!



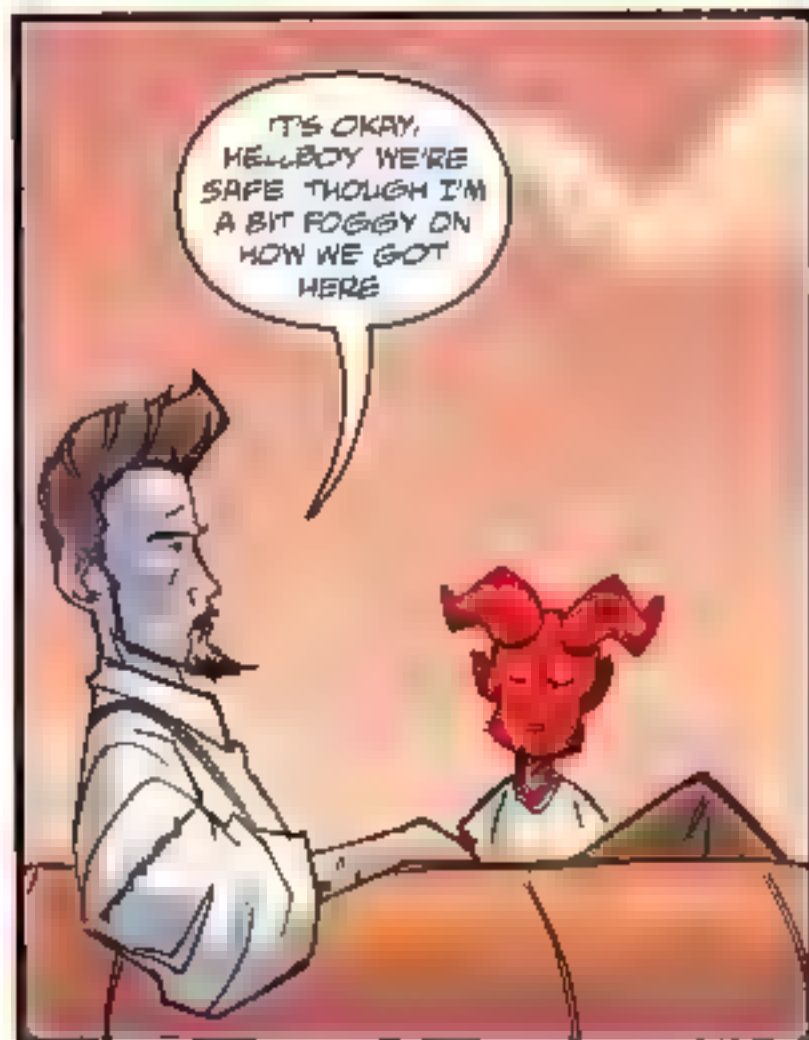
BUT WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO FORGET?

SORRY ABOUT THAT, KID. BUT IT'S BEST FOR EVERYBODY THAT THIS PLACE REMAINS A SECRET



HOW'S ABOUT I DO THE REMEMBERIN' FOR THE BOTH OF US? HAVE A GOOD LIFE HELLEBOY.

AAAAHHH! WE'RE GONNA CRASH!

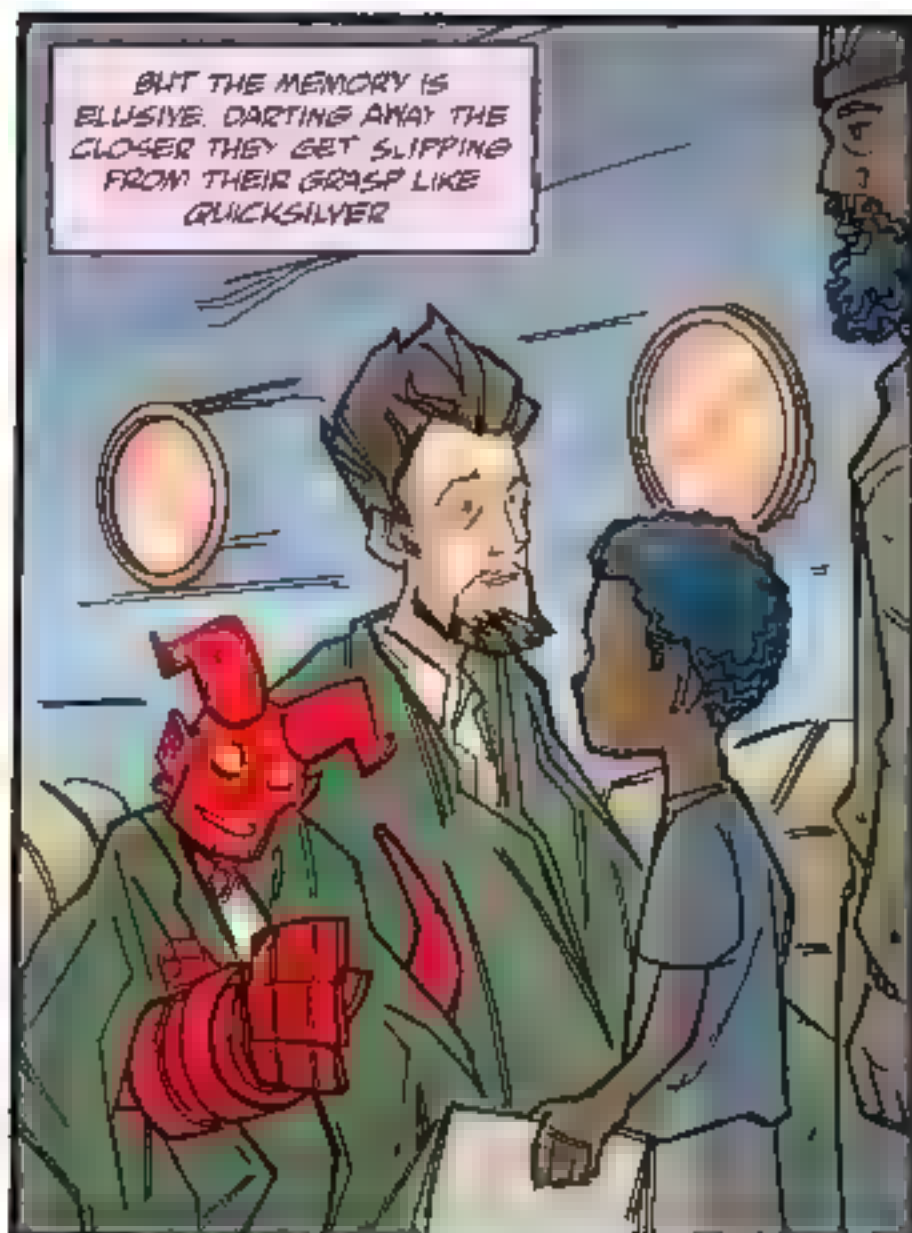


IT'S OKAY, HELLEBOY WE'RE SAFE THOUGH I'M A BIT FOGGY ON HOW WE GOT HERE

SOMETHING NAGS
AT THEM TICKLING
AT THE BASE OF
THEIR BRAINS AS IF
TRYING TO CAPTURE
THEIR ATTENTION A
MEMORY



BUT THE MEMORY IS
ELUSIVE. DARTING AWAY THE
CLOSER THEY GET SLIPPING
FROM THEIR GRASP LIKE
QUICKSILVER

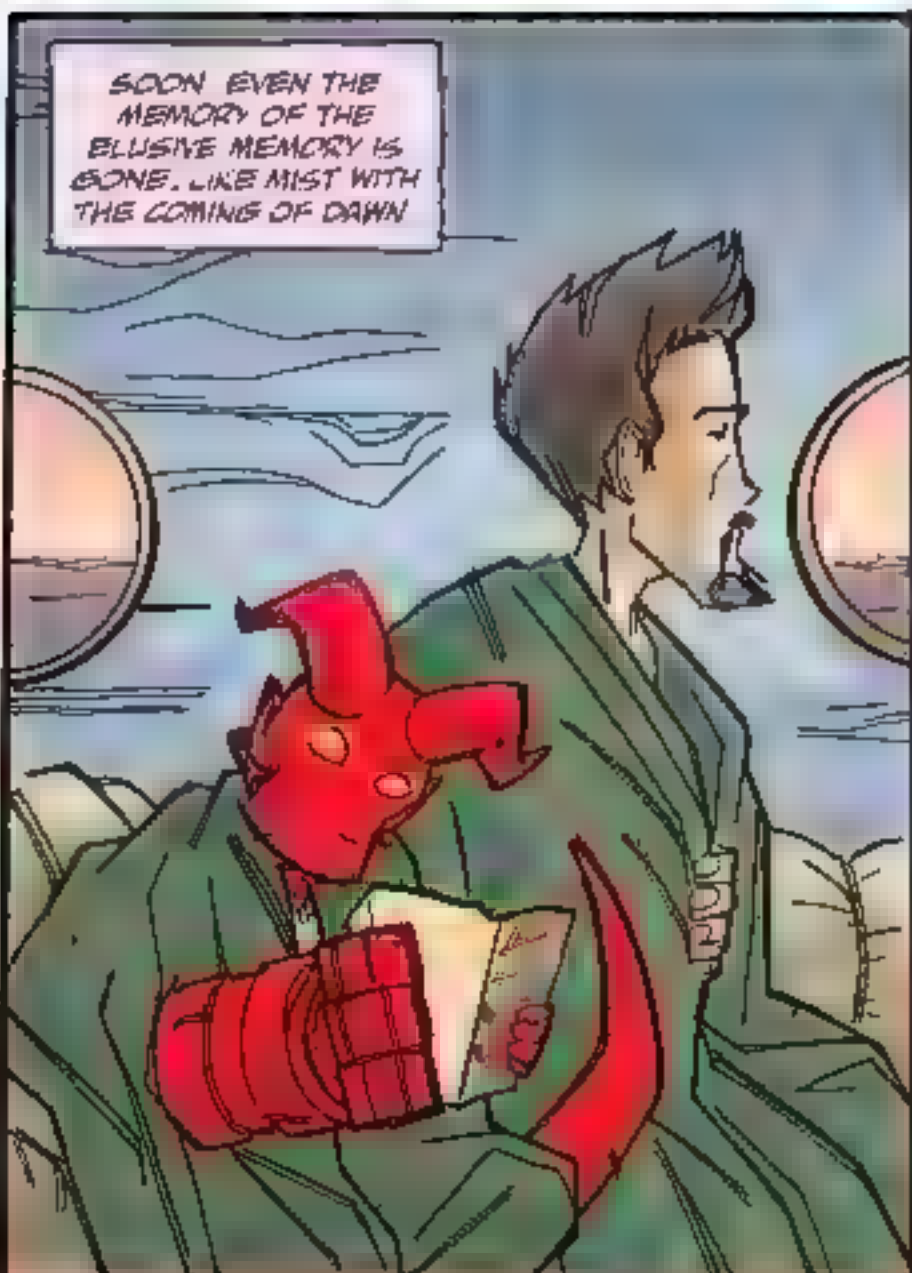


DRIFTING FURTHER
AND FURTHER AWAY

WOW!
FOR ME?



SOON EVEN THE
MEMORY OF THE
ELUSIVE MEMORY IS
GONE. LIKE MIST WITH
THE COMING OF DAWN



AS IF IT HAD NEVER
BEEN THERE AT ALL.

THE END



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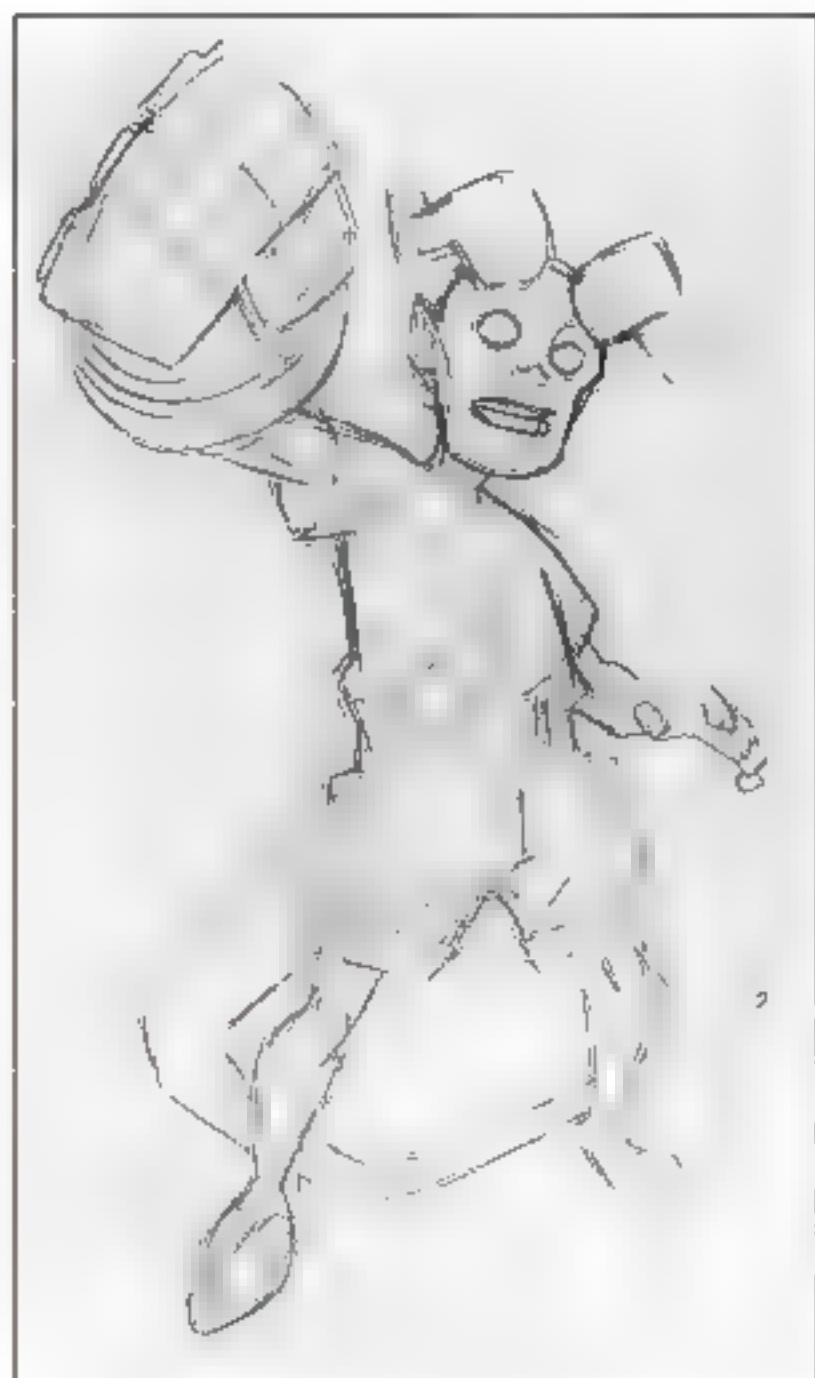
THE HIDDEN LAND

SKETCHBOOK

Notes by Katii O'Brien



Craig started sketches for Hellboy right away, with a few rounds of head and full-body studies. Hellboy has been drawn a few times as a kid, by several artists, but Craig's Hellboy is especially active and expressive because of the rollicking, action-adventure feeling of the story, and the fun came through loud and clear from the first sketches.







From the beginning, Mike had a particular vision for our heroic jungle girl, Scarlett, so he did this sketch sheet with notes about her outfit, belt buckle, and dagger. Readers loved her as much as we hoped, so we may just see her again.



Craig's take on Scarlett in human
and transformed ape form.



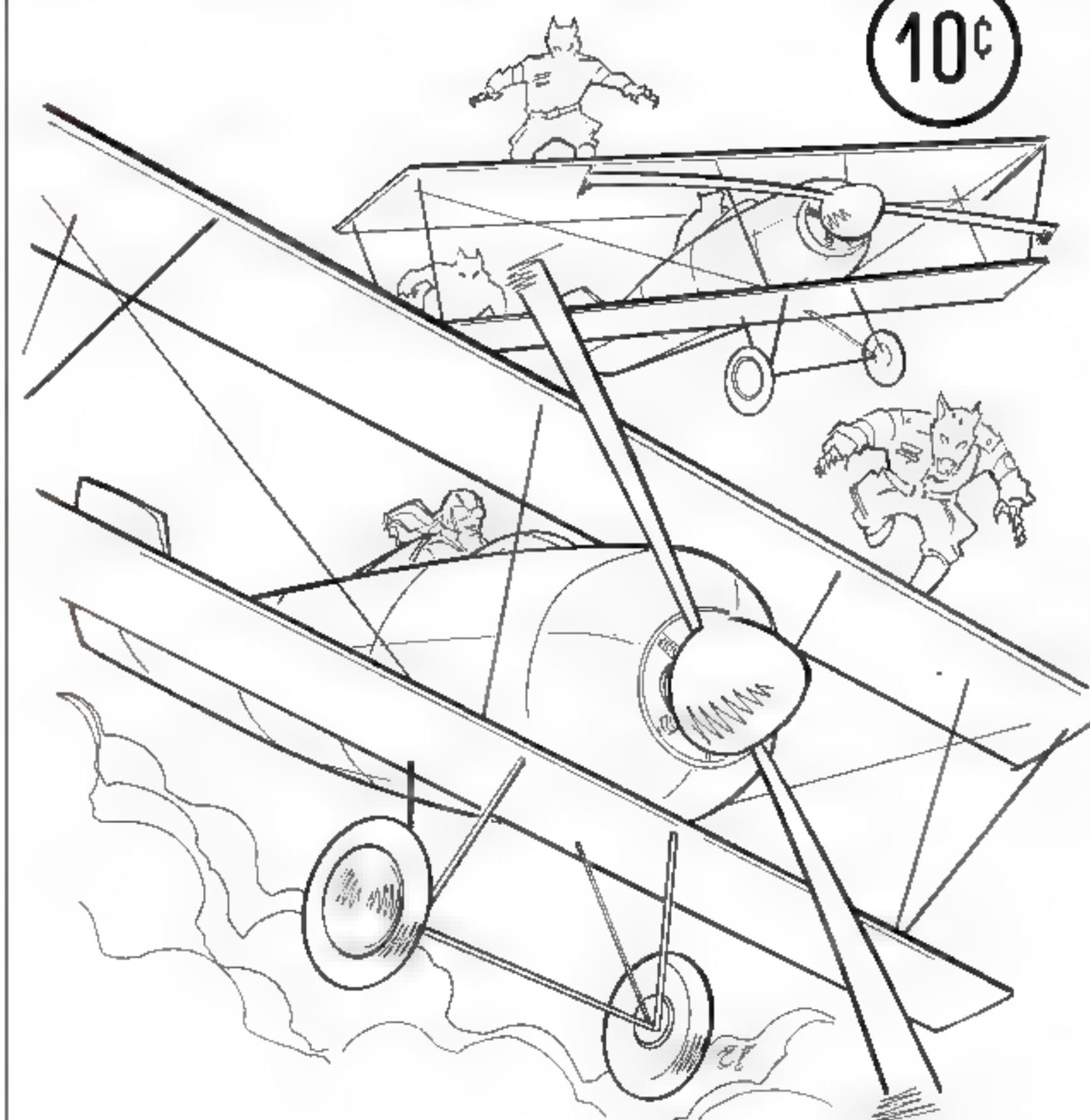


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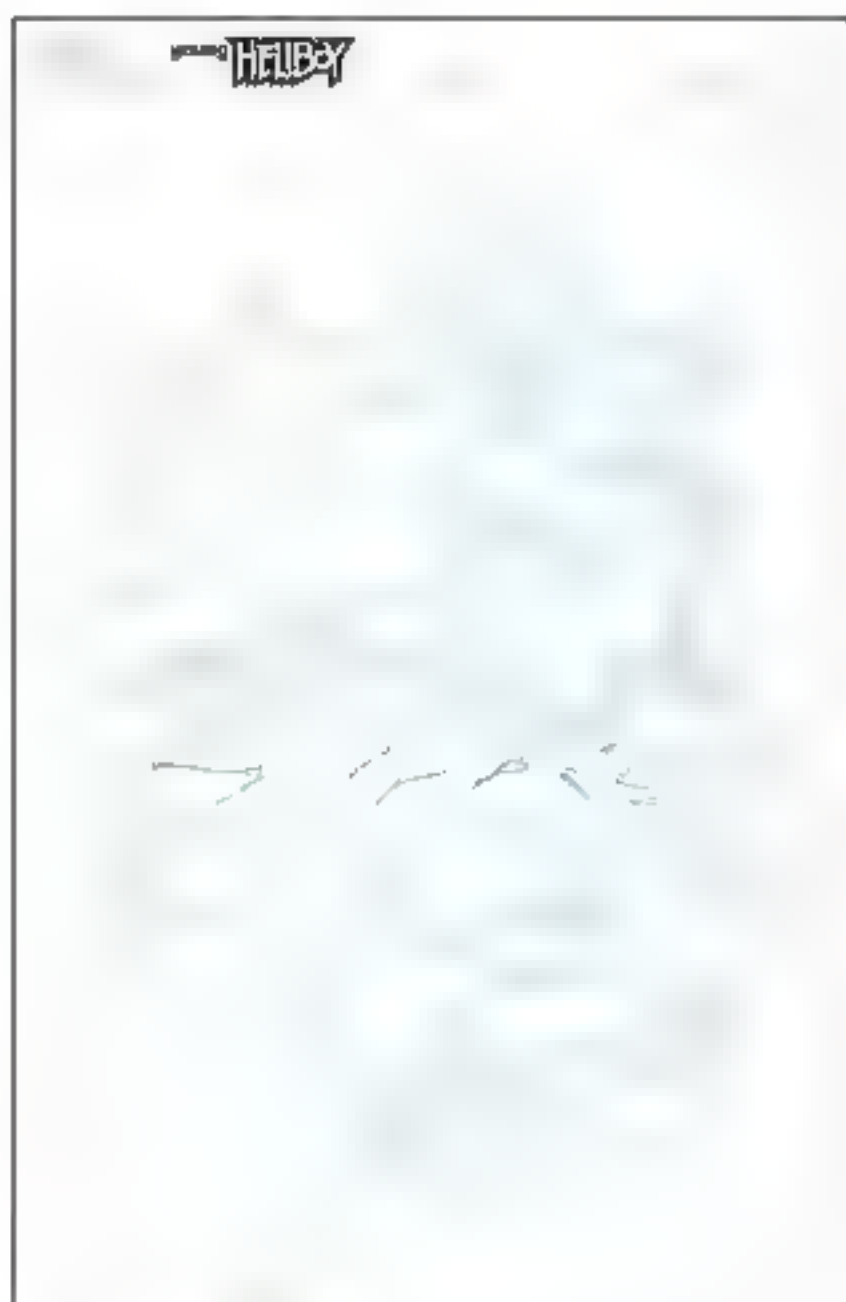
THRILLING **AIR STORIES**

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SCARLETT SANTIAGO: THE SKY DEVIL!

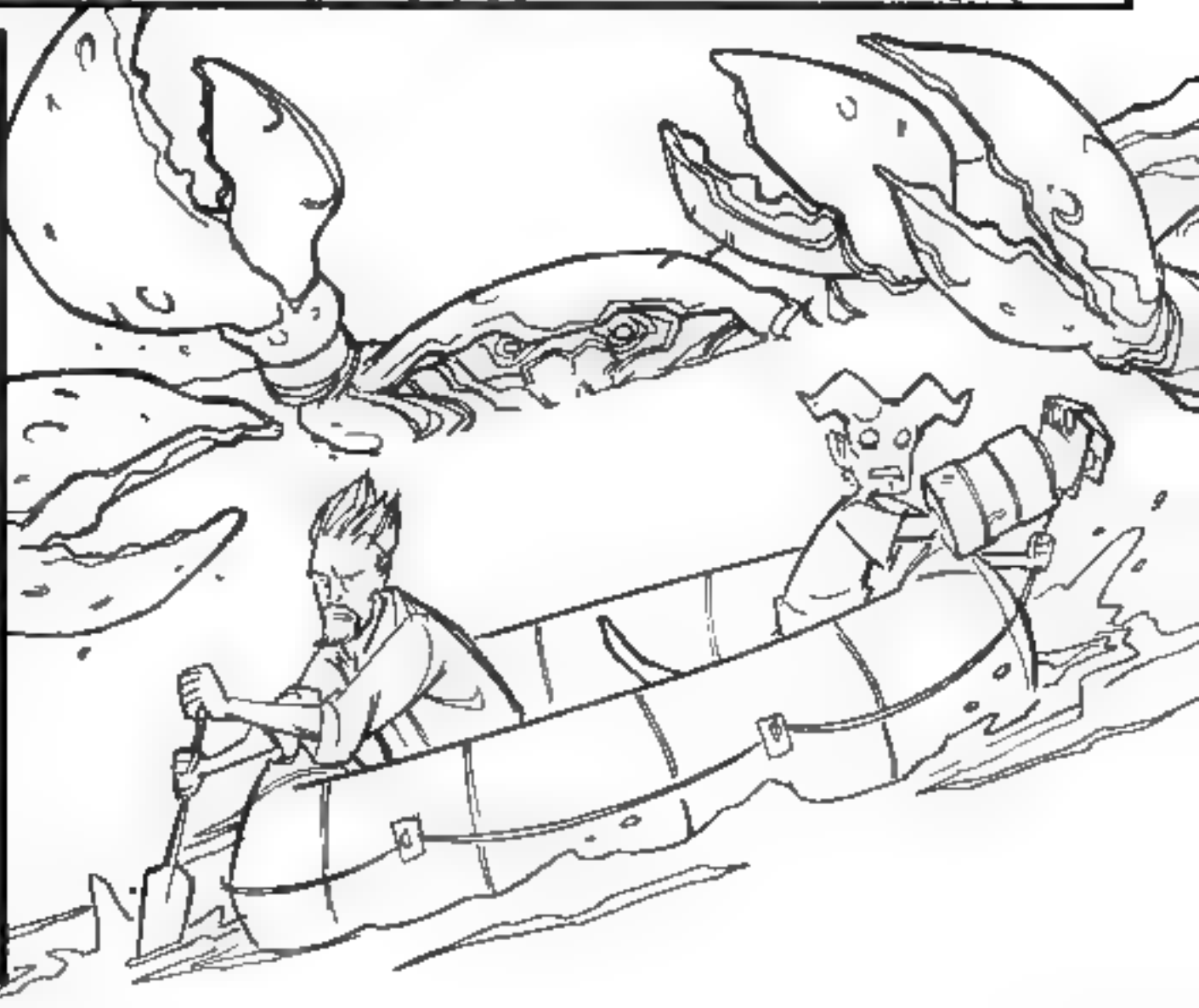
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Craig's cover to the pulp comic Hellboy reads in #2 and #4. This was drawn once at full-size and digitally merged into the line art for those pages later on.

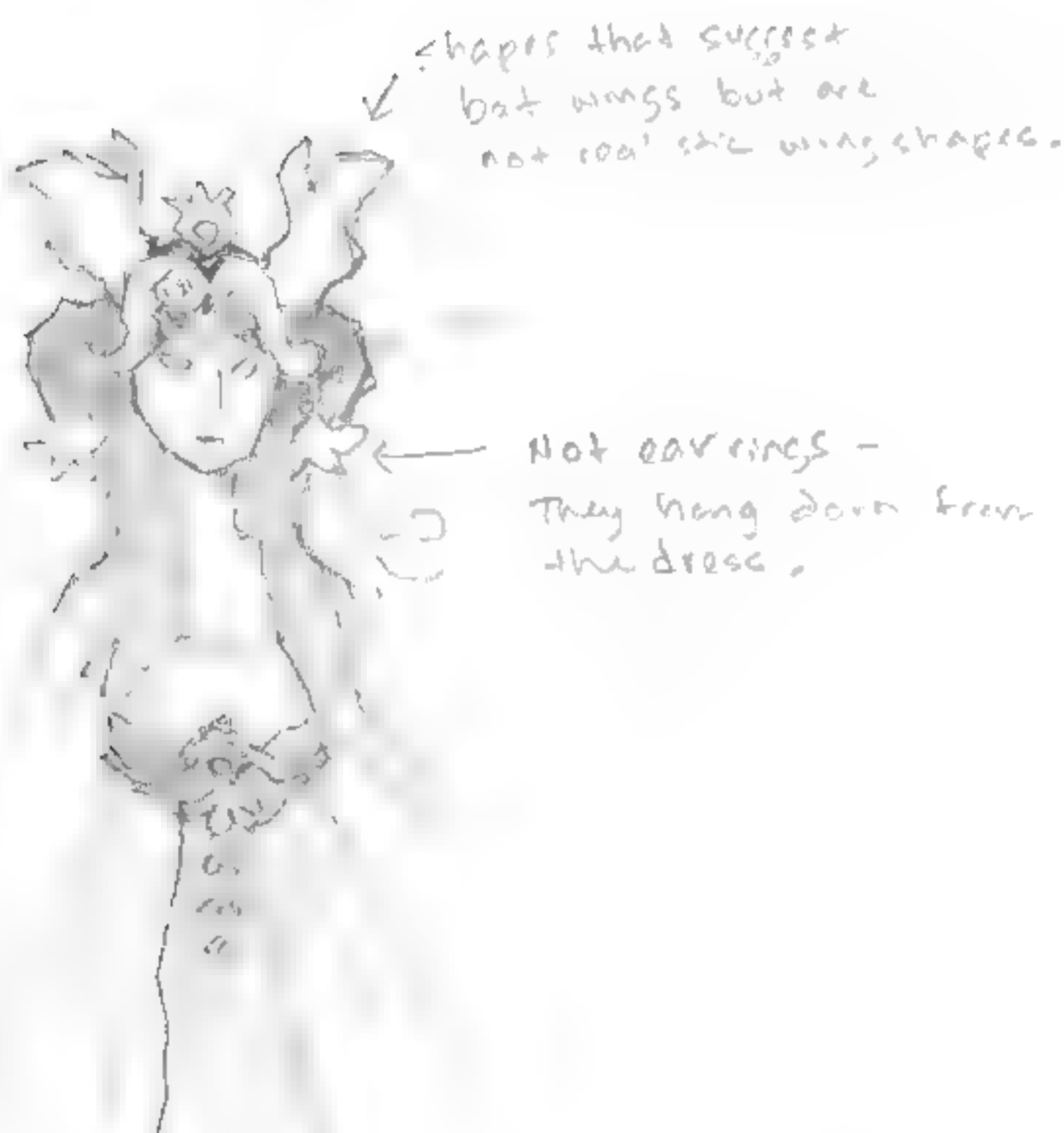


Layouts (top), pencils (bottom), and inks (following) for #1 pages 10-11, the big crab scene! You can see the finals on pages 16-17 of this volume.





Vampire Queen.



Mike's take on Vesperra.



Above: Vesperra's human and bat forms.

Following pages: Mignola's variant with Dave Stewart for #1, Craig's variant for the JetPack Comics/Forbidden Planet edition for #1, Rachele Aragno's variant for #2, Wylie Beckert's variant for #3, and Anthony Carpenter's variant for #4



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HE HAD NO SHORTAGE OF DARING ADVENTURES.

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